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Yammat	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin	7.09	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.38	2.58	5.51	7.31
Taipei	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	3.09	6.04	7.44
Taipei Market	7.21	9.53	11.09	12.39	1.53	3.13	6.08	7.48
Fanning	7.33	10.03	11.19	12.48	2.03	3.23	6.19	7.59
Shuanghui	7.38	10.07	11.23	12.52	2.07	3.27	6.23	8.03
Shumchun	7.43	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.33	6.28	8.08

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Shumchun	7.21	8.08	10.39	11.40	2.00	3.17	5.13	6.08
Shuanghui	7.23	8.10	10.41	11.42	2.02	3.19	5.15	6.10
Fanning	7.28	8.16	10.46	11.51	2.11	3.28	5.24	6.19
Taipei Market	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	2.31	3.48	5.44	6.39
Taipei	7.48	8.30	11.04	12.07	2.35	3.52	5.48	6.43
Shatin	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	2.48	4.05	5.51	6.46
Yammat	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	2.50	4.08	5.53	6.48
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Kowloon	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	2.22	3.29	5.19	7.10
Yammat	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	2.29	3.36	5.26	7.19
Shatin	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	2.31	3.38	5.28	7.31
Taipei	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	2.43	3.50	5.40	7.44
Taipei Market	7.21	—	9.53	11.09	2.48	3.55	5.45	7.48
Fanning	7.33	—	10.03	11.19	2.58	4.05	5.54	7.59
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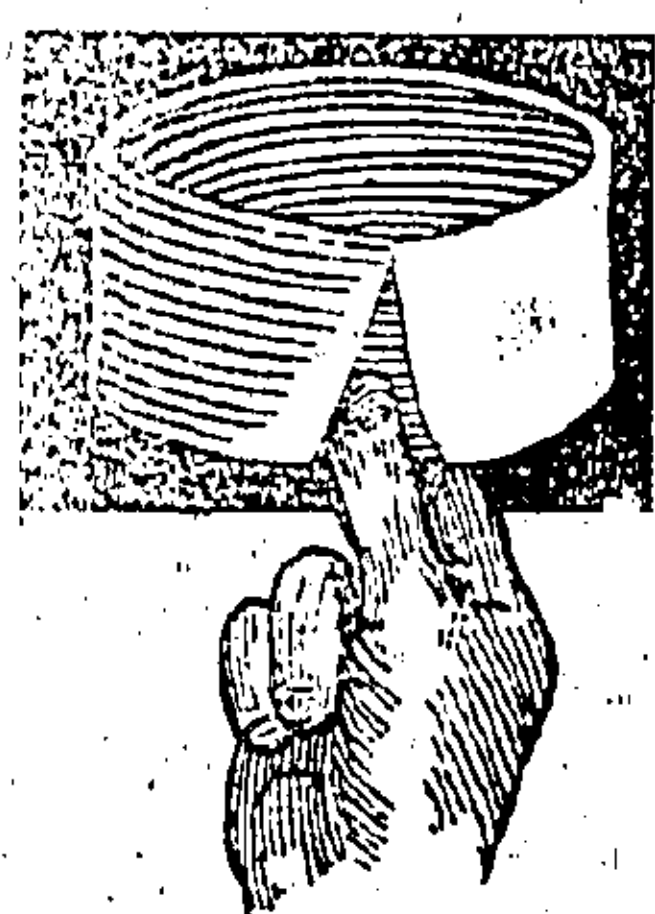


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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

### BURNS AND FREEMASONRY.

#### WASHINGTON A SCOTS MASON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]  
EDINBURGH, December 16th.  
Next month celebrations will take place throughout Scotland, and far beyond it wherever Scotsmen gather, in celebration of the anniversary of the birth of our National Bard. Amid these celebrations Freemasons will more especially refer to the connection of Robert Burns with the Craft, not only in his home county, where he was initiated and installed, and in the Scottish Capital, where he was affiliated and honoured, but in all quarters of the globe. And from Nova Scotia to New Zealand there are many Scottish Colonial Lodges that bear his name.

With such a national spirit among Scots we can appreciate and sympathise with a similar sentiment elsewhere. That spirit was fully manifested last month in connection with the George Washington Masonic celebrations throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of the United States of America on his Masonic birthday, November 4th, the date when in 1732 he was initiated into the Fraternity in Fredericksburg lodge, No. 4, Virginia. Our interest in the subject is enhanced by the fact that the hero of American Independence was a Scottish Freemason, and an interesting historical note upon this matter has just been prepared by a leading Scottish authority. It appears that in the early history of the Lodge it was claimed that it was organised by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Boston, and again by the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, but no records exist as to these matters. At any rate the dubiety regarding authorities proved too onerous for the members of the Fredericksburg Lodge, who desired to secure for themselves "an ample charter." They, therefore, on April 4th, 1757, set apart the sum of seven pounds for such a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was accordingly applied for. The Charter was issued "at Edinburgh on July 21st, 1758, and is signed by Geo. Frayser, Deputy G. Master; Rich'd Tod, Sub G.M.; David Ross, S.G.W.; Will'm McGhie, J.G.W., and is still one of the prized possessions of the Lodge and in excellent preservation. Washington never gave up his membership of the Fredericksburg Lodge, and was not a member of any other lodge when the Scottish Charter was obtained. He was, therefore, a Scottish Freemason from July, 1758, and he remained one for at least twenty years. The Grand Lodge of Virginia was established by a Convention in 1778 at which four lodges were represented. Fredericksburg then obtained a Charter as No. 4 from the new Grand Lodge of the State, the Blandford Lodge, also a Scottish lodge with the original number 82, becoming No. 3. Two other lodges in Virginia originally chartered by Mother Kilwinning also joined up. Washington became a member of Alexandria Lodge, No. 23, Virginia, in June, 1784, and became its Master four years later.

**MORE BLANDERS.**  
An early English poet describes the "Scottis" as being "full of guile," and from time immemorial Scotsmen have listened with amused tolerance to the varied and often contradictory criticisms levelled at them by their Southern neighbours. Mr. Kipling, it will be remembered, accuses the Celt of a transparent loquacity which contrasts with the inarticulate English, who talk "in telegraphic sentences, half-swallowed at the ends." Now Dr. Saleeby, the eugenist, declares that the Scotsman talks with difficulty, scarcely moves a muscle of his face, and speaks in a monotone without raising his voice, but "he is watching you and taking you in all the time." The last phrase may have more than one meaning, but at all events this critic seems to imply that the Scot is reserved rather than loquacious. Perhaps, however, "talks with difficulty" has other implications, for he holds that Scots, unlike English, "have a predilection to the use of alcohol." Dr. Saleeby further declares that "in Scotland, if you hear any singing, it is due to whisky"; and as whisky is so dear now-a-days as to be beyond the reach of most of us, it stands to reason that the majority of Scots must be without a song on their lips.

"DRY" BANQUETS.  
By a unanimous vote, Aberdeen Town Council has resolved that no intoxicating liquor shall in future be supplied at any of the magistrates' luncheons. It will be remembered that some time ago the Corporation of Glasgow banned alcohol at all its functions.

## TAUGHT STEVENSON SAMOAN.

Shortly after his arrival among the Samoan Islands and his settlement at Apia in the Christmas of 1889, Robert Louis Stevenson set himself to learn the Samoan language. He did not make rapid progress, however, till the arrival early in 1891 of the Rev. Samuel James Whitmee, who had first come to the Islands in 1863. Mr. Whitmee, who was on the staff of the London Missionary Society, has just died in a nursing home at Barnet at the age of 87 after a long illness. He was the best Samoan scholar in the Islands, and from him Stevenson took regular lessons, spending a great deal of time and taking great pains to perfect himself as far as possible in the language. He mastered it sufficiently to understand it when it was spoken well, and was able not only to write it with facility but even to satisfy his own fastidious requirements. He used the everyday speech of the natives for all household purposes and understood it himself without difficulty. It is interesting to recall that the first serial tale ever read by Samoans in their own language was Stevenson's "Bottle Imp," which was read in many a thatched Samoan hut before it won the admiration of readers in this country.

"I found R. L. Stevenson to be a keen student," Mr. Whitmee recently recorded, and the peculiarities and niceties of the language greatly interested him. He thought the language was wonderful, and quite agreed with me that the Samoans must have descended from a much higher condition of intellectual culture to possess such a tongue. R. L. S. was also a keen student of the Samoan as well as the English version of the Bible, and Mr. Whitmee said that he doubted whether many literary men, or even preachers, read the Bible more regularly, with more reverence, or with greater appreciation, than R. L. S. did. He asserted that he was more orthodox than most people to-day. He also records how Stevenson took a Bible class for some time for the Samoans. He possessed many little undated notes from Stevenson, sent him when his health would not permit him to come to Mr. Whitmee for his language lessons. A favourite signature for these was "The Class," while he sometimes addressed his tutor as "Count Whitmee."

## PSYCHOLOGY AND PIES.

There appears in a London paper a story of Edinburgh psychology. A dealer in the Capital who sold meat pies at 3d. found his costs decreasing, and reduced the price to 2d. Sales immediately fell to half. He explains the phenomenon by saying that "people buying a 3d. pie though they were getting a 4d. pie cheap; whereas a 3d. pie is just a 3d. pie, and probably worth just 3d."

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Miss Buchan tells a good story about some Englishmen who were dining at a Scotch inn last summer. After the meat plates had been moved and they were waiting on the sweets, the waiter rushed in excitedly and said: "The pudden's scaled, an' it was cruds. It ran ower the dish, an' syne it skited doon the stair." The Englishmen understood, of course, that they would get no pudding, but to this day they don't know why!

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## PRAYER WITH PARTICULARS.

One of the best stories illustrative of the tendency to convey detail and information in prayer is that of the Barrhead minister who, on a Sunday morning, heard that a member of his congregation had been hurried off the previous evening to hospital. Remembering her in his prayers, he besought a blessing on "our dear sister who has been taken away for an operation—an operation, O Lord, I never heard tell of before." Another also comes from Barrhead. A religious body in that town was expecting a fraternal visit from a similar group connected with the carters in Paisley. On the appointed evening the visitors failed to turn up at the hour they were expected, and the meeting was kept going for a time by the singing of extra hymns. Then a well-known official was asked to pray. In the course of the prayer he carefully explained the purpose of the meeting, and also that plans had been thrown out of gear because "the Paisley carters, who were to visit us, for some strange reason have not come." Just then there was a knock at the hall door, and the prayer was hastily concluded with, "O Lord, I think this'll be the carters' noo."

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## RUBBER TURNED INTO GOLD.

AMERICA PAYS.

INVESTORS WARNED TO BE  
CAUTIOUS.

LONDON, December 22nd.

British rubber companies, it is esti-  
mated, will have increased their profits  
by about £50,000,000 this year.The bulk of this great transaction re-  
presents America's purchases, which have  
exceeded £100,000,000 in value in the past  
twelve months. The output of British-  
owned plantations has reached about  
250,000 tons, which is roughly one-half of  
the world's production. An average in-  
crease of 2s. a pound in the price for the  
year has made rubber production the  
golden industry of 1925.

SHAREHOLDERS.

Most of this vast wealth will reach the  
fortunate shareholders of the rubber com-  
panies, but speculators who sit in City  
offices and buy great quantities of rubber  
and sell it again in a few hours, if con-  
ditions are favourable, have taken a share  
that would represent a fortune to most  
people.Many thousands of pounds have piled  
up to the credit of these speculators in  
one day. Some have lost as much on the  
following day, but a few have bought and  
sold so cleverly that their gains have in-  
creased without a break throughout the  
year.Brokers have also reaped a good share  
of the harvest. The producers have few,  
if any, direct transactions with actual  
users of rubber.Almost every pound is sold either  
through speculators or brokers in Min-  
cing-lane, and there are countless middle-  
men who take part in the intricate trans-  
actions carried out by the brokers. The  
commission paid, though small in itself,  
quickly mounts up to large sums.The demand for rubber shows no  
signs of diminishing. The increasing  
popularity of motor-cars, particularly in  
America, is likely to make the demand  
greater than ever in the next few years,  
and Great Britain as the chief owner of  
the rubber resources must continue to  
draw more and more of the wealth of  
America as the principal user of rubber.  
This increasing demand will stimulate  
the supply, and the price of rubber is  
likely to be reduced to more reasonable  
levels.An indication of America's clamorous  
demand for rubber is contained in the  
fact that until the end of October, 1924, 184,184  
tons of rubber were shipped this year  
direct to America from British Malaya,  
compared with only 13,578 tons to Great  
Britain. A large proportion of the rub-  
ber sent to Britain was reshipped to  
America.Many schemes have been planned by  
American speculators to escape the  
existing monopoly, but even the most  
practicable of them cannot possibly be  
developed for many years. Efforts have  
also been made to find substitutes for  
rubber, but without success, and the  
inevitable result of the law of supply and  
demand has forced up the price from 1s.  
2d. a pound last year to 4s. 6d. this  
month. The present price hovers round  
4s. a pound, and America has no option  
but to go on buying.

VARYING DIVIDENDS.

The money will circulate in the country  
through the hundreds of thousands of  
shareholders of the producing companies.  
Dividends have varied from ten per cent.  
to fifty per cent."There probably never was such a rush  
for rubber shares since the great 'boom'  
in 1910," said a financier who is an ex-  
pert in rubber transactions to a *Daily  
Express* representative yesterday. "The  
public should be careful, and know all  
about a company before investing in it.  
Of course, every year of successful trad-  
ing means important developments in the  
plantations, more work for natives and  
Europeans, and more plant from British  
factories. The whole country benefits in  
some way."Britain's control of the rubber mar-  
ket is not in the least unfair. British  
capital and British skill and hard work  
have achieved well-merited success which  
is being rightly exploited to the utmost.Many £1 shares are quoted in the  
market to-day at prices ranging from 24  
to 26. This, of course, is a high-water  
mark, and speculators should be warned  
against plunging.—*Daily Express*.

## HIGH-SPEED AEROPLANE.

ENGLISH MACHINE TO FLY 175  
MILES AN HOUR.A machine which will, it is claimed, be  
the fastest fighting aeroplane ever pro-  
duced in Great Britain, is now nearing  
completion at Hamble, near Southamp-  
ton. It is, in effect, Britain's reply to  
the high-speed craft which have been  
evolved in America.This new craft, which has been design-  
ed and constructed by private enterprise,  
with the main ideal of demonstrating  
that this country can produce aircraft  
equal to any in the world, will be capable  
of a speed of between 175 and 180 miles  
an hour. This is about twenty miles per  
hour faster than any fighting machine yet  
in use in the Royal Air Force.It is not "secret" in the sense that it  
has been adopted by the Air Ministry,  
but its constructors are not yet revealing  
any of its details, as, after trials, it will  
probably be placed at the disposal of the  
authorities. It is being fitted with a  
direct-drive Napier Lion engine, in prin-  
ciple the same as that used in the Super-  
marine-Napier S4 seaplane, which was  
built to represent Great Britain in the  
Schneider Cup air race at Baltimore.Mr. A. V. Roe has been responsible for  
the development of the new high-speed  
fighter, the trials of which are awaited  
with the greatest interest in both military  
and civil air circles.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 25th, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	212 1/2 buy.
Chartered Bank	213 1/2 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	213 1/2 nom.
Do.	213 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Bank	213 1/2 nom.
East Asia Bank	213 1/2 nom.
Canton Insurance	213 1/2 buy.
China Underwriters	213 1/2 buy.
North China Insurance	213 1/2 nom.
Union Insurance	213 1/2 buy.
Yonghe Insurance	213 1/2 buy.
China Fire Insurance	213 1/2 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	213 1/2 sel.
Dongasas	213 1/2 sel.
H.K. & M. Steamboats	213 1/2 sel.
Hongkong Tugs	213 1/2 nom.
Indo-China (ref.)	213 1/2 nom.
Shall Transports	213 1/2 nom.
Star Ferries	213 1/2 sel.
Waterboats	213 1/2 buy.
Oriental Navigations	213 1/2 nom.
China Sagar	213 1/2 sel.
Malacca Sagar	213 1/2 sel.
Benguet	213 1/2 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	213 1/2 buy.
Langkats (combined)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (single)	213 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Exploration	213 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Loans	213 1/2 nom.
Banks	213 1/2 sel.
Tronoh Mines	213 1/2 nom.
Ural Capitals	213 1/2 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	213 1/2 buy.
Hongkong	213 1/2 nom.
New Engineering	213 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Docks	213 1/2 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	213 1/2 buy.
Hongkong Lands	213 1/2 sel.
Hongkong Realty (c.p.)	213 1/2 buy.
H.K. Territorials (f.p.)	213 1/2 buy.
Humphreys Estates	213 1/2 nom.
Prince's Buildings	213 1/2 nom.
Rural Land	213 1/2 sel.
Two Octons	213 1/2 sel.
Oriental	213 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (new)	213 1/2 sel.
Amusements	213 1/2 buy.
Canton Ice	213 1/2 nom.
Cements (combined)	213 1/2 nom.
Do. (old)	213 1/2 nom.
Do. (new)	213 1/2 sel.
China Buses	213 1/2 buy.
China Lights (combined)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (old)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (new)	213 1/2 sel.
China Providents (comb.)	213 1/2 nom.
Do. (old)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (new)	213 1/2 sel.
Constructions	213 1/2 buy.
Dairy Farms	213 1/2 sel.
Der A Wing (f.p.)	213 1/2 nom.
Hongkong Electric	213 1/2 nom.
Macao Electric	213 1/2 nom.
H.K. Developments	213 1/2 buy.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (old)	213 1/2 sel.
Do. (new)	213 1/2 sel.
Hongkong Tramways	213 1/2 buy.
Loan Crawfords	213 1/2 nom.
Mackintosh	213 1/2 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	213 1/2 buy.
Do. (new)	213 1/2 sel.
Sinceres	213 1/2 sel.
Taxis	213 1/2 sel.
United Asbestos	213 1/2 nom.
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## EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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Berlin	20.40
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Helsingfors	19 1/2
Lisbon	24
Buenos Aires	46.15-32
Shanghai	3/4
Kobe	1/10
New York	4.58 1/2
Geneva	25.17
Milan	129.4
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	23.015
Prague	164.1-16
Madrid	34.35
Rio	7.12-32
Bombay	1/8.11-32
Hongkong	2/4 1/2
Silver Spot	30 1/2
Forward	30.15-16

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been revived, and that additions have  
been made to this useful work of refer-  
ence which considerably enhance its  
value. A page is devoted to each com-  
pany setting forth its capital, directorate,  
etc., and furnishing comparative figures  
of its financial position over a period of  
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devoted to the Shanghai Rubber Plan-  
tation Companies and notes on the plant-  
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### LOCAL SPORT.

#### CRICKET.

#### HONGKONG XI. v. THE REST.

The Hongkong Cricket Club have arranged an interesting and important match for the 30th inst., to be played on their ground, commencing at 1.30 p.m., and it is sincerely hoped that Clubs interested will lend their wholehearted support.

A team, selected as the best available to represent the Colony, is to play the Rest of the Colony. It will be observed that no Naval cricketers are included in the representative eleven, as they are, of course, not qualified to play in interport contests. A number, however, are included in the Rest, which materially assists in making the sides even.

It is highly desirable that trial games of this nature should be arranged every season, whether an interport contest is on the fixture card or not. It is the only satisfactory means of discovering suitable and fresh talent, and finding players with the proper temperament for interport cricket. Big batting and good bowling averages do not convey everything to a selection committee. It is the consistent batsman able to make runs on a big occasion and the steady and accurate bowler, who, if necessary, can go on several times in a match, to get a side out, who are the best men to fit into an interport eleven. Furthermore, a match of this kind brings the best cricketers in touch with each other in at least one match in the season.

Such matches as this are highly to be commended, and if this one proves the success it deserves to be, the Cricket Club will no doubt arrange similar fixtures in future seasons.

It is a pity that it has not been possible to allot a whole day or even two days to this fixture, but no doubt this can be looked into for future occasions.

The following are the sides chosen:—

**HONGKONG XI.**  
R. Hancock (Hongkong), capt.  
A. C. I. Bowker (Hongkong).  
C. A. Bridgland (Royal Engineers).  
F. Goodwin (Kowloon).  
A. W. Hayward (Hongkong).  
H. Owen Hughes (Hongkong).  
S. A. Ismail (Indians).  
E. W. Morris (Kowloon).  
T. E. Pearce (Hongkong).  
E. B. Reed (Civil Service), and  
E. F. Stewart (Hongkong).

**REST OF THE COLONY XI.**  
G. R. Sayer (Civil Service), capt.  
A. S. Cantrell (Navy).  
E. C. Fincher (Civil Service).  
T. E. Halsey (Navy).  
E. G. Lammert (Hongkong).  
H. V. Parker (Hongkong).  
A. W. Ramsay (Kowloon).  
A. A. Rumjahn (University).  
R. H. Stephenson (Navy).  
A. J. Stripp (Surrey), and  
R. A. Watters (Kowloon).

#### TENNIS.

#### LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

The Committee and members of the Ladies' Recreation Club were at home to their friends yesterday afternoon, when the final of the Ladies' Open Championship was decided. After a good game Mrs. R. E. Tottenham defeated Mrs. E. Grimble by 7-7, 6-4.

An exhibition men's doubles followed, in which Col. Russell-Brown and Major Hattersley-Smith defeated Dr. R. E. Tottenham and Lt. Broome, 6-3 8-6, 9-0.

#### FANLING HUNT.

Saturday, 30th.—Owing to the Gymkhana at the Polo Club there will be no meet of the hounds.

Sunday, 31st.—Hounds will meet at Sheung Shui Police Station at 10.30 a.m.

#### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Captain's Cup Qualifying Competition for January:

J. L. Shellshear beat H. U. Ireland in playing off the tie.

Junior Championship qualifying round: D. M. Goodall (98) qualifies for last place.

#### INTERPORT GOLF.

#### ILLNESS OF A SHANGHAI PLAYER.

The arrangements for the interport golf match which were announced previously may be somewhat upset by the fact that at the end of last week, says the *N. C. Daily News*, of the 20th inst., M. W. Budd, who would be the first man in the team, contracted pleurisy. Budd has had thoroughly bad luck in the matter of health during the present season, for in the course of the Shanghai Golf Club championship he had dysentery, and although he shook this off successfully and was able to win, he is again in hospital. The latest reports are very encouraging, and as almost three weeks will elapse before the interport team leaves for Hongkong there is every hope that he will be fit enough to take his place in it. If not it is learned that J. F. Pilcher will be brought in. It has been made possible for him to travel, and although he has not shown his best form this season, he will be a valuable adjunct to the team should he be included in it. The team should leave Shanghai either on February 6th or 10th, and its original composition was—M. W. Budd, J. B. Ferrier, A. B. Blinko, E. L. Malcolm, L. Fairbury and R. M. Cunningham. Among others who will probably also be present are R. G. MacDonald, President of the Club, and Capt. Dewar, while if Pilcher should be included he would be an invaluable member if he showed a return to his normal form.

### WOMEN'S FOOLHARDY RISK.

#### WALKING ON THE PEAK TRAM TRACK.

There was very nearly a tragedy on the Peak tram track last Friday evening.

A woman was walking along the track in the direction of the Upper Terminus from Barker Road. She was right in the way of the down-coming 6.30 p.m. non-stop car. The look-out man saw her and rang the bell to stop. The engine driver pulled up in a remarkable short distance, just short of the woman who had meanwhile fallen in front of the car. She got up, crossed to the other side of the track and proceeded to walk up the line. She was expostulated with by the Indian watchman but refused to speak, boarded the next down car and got out at May Road.

The Inspector on duty was on the other car hence her identity is unknown. Had the car run over the woman it might have derailed the car and thrown it into Barker Road.

### SILK STORE BURGLED.

#### THE WORK OF A CLEVER GANG. THIEVES GET AWAY WITH \$14,000 WORTH OF GOODS.

The Popular Silk Store in Pedder Street, belonging to Messrs. D. Chelaram, of Queen's Road, Central, was burgled on Sunday night, and silks and jewellery worth \$14,000 were stolen. The thieves took as much as they could of the goods which were the most valuable and least bulky.

The discovery was not made until 5 a.m. yesterday morning, when the manager on opening the shop door, immediately noticed that the show cases, which on the previous night were stocked with gold and jade ornaments, were empty. There was hardly a sign of disorder, but there was a hole in the floor above.

#### HOW THE THIEVES GOT IN.

The premises directly above are occupied by Madame Flint. A member of the Silk Store's staff heard sounds of hammering on the floor above on Sunday, when the shop was open, owing to the visit of the *Belgenland*. He, however, paid no particular attention to these noises, concluding that workmen were carrying out repairs. It is now apparent, that the supposed work was being done by the men who later robbed the store.

The hole in the floor was only about 2 feet by 1½ feet, but a banister rail was thrust through, and was used as a pole, whereby the robbers slid down and landed in the attic, from which place there was access to all parts of the premises.

#### NOT A SOUND HEARD.

An Indian watchman was on duty outside the padlocked entrance, but his suspicious were not aroused. He says that he did not hear a sound.

There was a large stock of silk and shawls in the attic, and the most expensive of these were taken away. From the showcases downstairs all the jewellery, which consisted of gold rings, jade, and necklaces, was stolen, the boxes only being left behind. One hundred dollars in cash was also stolen.

The burglars could only have got out by the way they entered, and this was a none too easy task. This might have accounted for a large quantity of silk being left behind, which was found by a watchman in a fifth floor lavatory. The recovered silk is valued at \$3,000, and the silk lost is assessed at \$9,000, while the missing jewellery is valued at \$3,000. Most of the stolen goods had been brought down from Canton, so as to augment the stocks for the visit of the *Belgenland* tourists.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report at 6.40 p.m. yesterday: The anti-cyclone has weakened slightly. It remains stationary to the north of Shanghai. A fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the E. Coast of China and over the China Sea. Local forecast: North-east winds, fresh; fair.

### LAWN BOWLS.

#### SCOTLAND BEAT "THE REST."

Scotland beat "The Rest" by 71-43; a majority of 28 shots, on the Kowloon Bowling Green during the week-end. Only three rinks were played on and Scotland won on each.

The scores were:—  
**SCOTLAND.**  
Craig McNeill  
MacLachlan  
Farrell  
(Skip).....28  
**"THE REST."**  
R. Goodman  
Pryce  
Nicolls  
Punchoon  
(Skip).....10  
Hart  
Miller  
Green  
Edwards  
(Skip).....16  
Muir  
McKay  
Holland  
A. Macfarlane  
(Skip).....21  
Nish  
Adey  
Warren  
Lapsley  
(Skip).....14  
Majority for Scotland: 28 shots.

### ARMED ROBBERIES.

#### OUTRAGES AT WEST POINT AND ON MAINLAND.

The police yesterday received three reports concerning armed robberies, two of them being attended with violence.

In one instance the victim was a married woman residing on the first floor of No. 37, Argyle Street, Mongkok, Yau-mati district. According to the report made by her, four men entered the floor at 9.40 a.m. yesterday while she was asleep in a rear cubicle. She was awakened by someone calling the name of her husband and saying "Sau Kei, open the door." The woman unfastened the door and the men entered, one of them carrying a rattan basket, which was opened and a dagger produced. With this weapon the woman was terrorised and she was told that if she made any noise she would be stabbed. Two of the men tied her feet and gagged her with a piece of cloth. The robbers then stole from her jewellery and money to the value of \$31.

While the men were searching the cubicle, the woman managed to extricate the dagger from her mouth and shouted "Save Life." One of the robbers then kicked her and struck her on the face, but hearing someone coming upstairs the men left.

#### ROBBERIES WITH VIOLENCE.

A married woman residing on the 1st floor at No. 3, Kwang Fung Lane, West Point, was subjected to armed robbery attended with violence.

On Sunday morning, while she and her daughter were on the first floor, four men entered, one of them carrying a parcel, which was later found to contain two bundles of fire-crackers. They all produced daggers and threatened her. They stole from her a pair of gold bangles, valued at \$100, from her daughter another pair of gold bangles, valued at \$30, and with other articles and money, etc., they got away with property valued at \$250.

While the robbers were searching the place a hair dresser came to the door and the men dragged her in. On seeing this happen, the woman naturally uttered a cry and one of the robbers immediately stabbed her in the head, but fortunately did not inflict a serious wound. A little later they left the premises.

#### OLD MAN INJURED.

The third armed robbery, which took place in the Ping Shan district, was also accompanied by wounding. The victim in this case was an old man, aged 68, living at No. 4, Wong Nei Tun Village.

It appears that the old man and a boy were asleep in the early hours of Sunday morning when five men awoke them by entering the room by means of the window, which they broke. Three of the intruders were armed with iron bars and the other two with choppers. They stole \$500 in money and an overcoat valued at \$8.

The old man apparently attempted to struggle with one of the robbers, for he received a wound inflicted by a chopper.

### AN OBSTREPEROUS AMAH.

#### FINED FOR UNLAWFUL TRESPASS.

A Chinese amah was charged before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday, at the instigation of Mrs. F. B. da Silva, 18, Ice House Street, with trespassing.

Mr. M. K. Lo defended. Complainant said that defendant was employed by her niece, five months ago, but had never been allowed to enter (witness's) house, because she created dissatisfaction amongst the servants, by telling them that they could get better wages elsewhere. On Sunday she entered the servants' quarters by the back door, and said that she wanted to see Mrs. H. H. Taylor. She refused to leave the premises, and was put in charge of the police.

Defendant, giving evidence said, that she had been previously employed at 20, Peak Road by Mrs. Taylor, who after her husband's death went to live with her aunt, Mrs. da Silva, in Ice House Street. Mrs. Taylor had promised that she would search for some knitting needles, which she (defendant) had lost. That morning she had seen Mrs. Taylor returning from church, and had followed her, but Mrs. da Silva drove her away, and later handed her over to the police.

Mr. Lo submitted that there was no question of trespass. All the trouble had been caused by the tyrannical attitude of complainant, and it would never have occurred, had she adopted an attitude in keeping with modern ideas. Defendant had gone there for a lawful purpose, and there was no case of trespass.

His Worship disagreed and fined defendant \$15.

### INDIAN CONSTABLE'S DEATH.

#### A MURDER CHARGE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Hau Yuan Hua, a Shanung constable, was charged with the murder of Gulam Mahomed, an Indian constable.

Detective-Inspector T. Murphy, detailed the circumstances which led to the death of the Indian on Friday night, caused by a shot discharged from accused's revolver. The shooting took place near the Volunteer Headquarters, where deceased and accused were on duty. The ground showed traces of a struggle, and when accused gave himself up, he was found to have a scratch on his face, and a bruise on the leg. The revolver was a police revolver, and on being examined, it was found that the disc was missing.

The Inspector also stated that a few days previous to the shooting, the accused had a fight with another Indian constable at the very same place. The constable had to go to hospital and had only been just discharged. Accused was remanded for a week.

### BIG ARMS HAUL.

#### REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE "BENAYON."

On December 18th, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, accompanied by two European Officers and a party of Chinese Revenue Officers, visited the s.s. *Benayon* and discovered in the foremen's quarters in the fore-cabin hidden in bags, baskets and boxes, 51 revolvers, one Luger pistol, and 5,364 rounds of ammunition.

The Police Court proceedings in connection with this haul were continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when twelve Chinese appeared before a full court of two magistrates (Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson) charged with the possession of arms or ammunition, or both.

Eight of the men are charged with the possession of nine revolvers and 925 rounds of ammunition and the remaining four with possession of some of the arms and ammunition.

The proceedings at present only concern the first eight men, the charge against the other four defendants having been deferred, as at present, in the opinion of the Magistrates, there does not appear to be sufficient evidence against them to convict.

Chief Detective Inspector J. Grant is conducting the case for the police and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appears for the 8th defendant, Mr. Leo d'Almada, for the sixth and Mr. D. McCallum for the other six. Mr. McCallum also appears for the defence of the four men mentioned in the second charge.

A plea of "not guilty," has been entered on behalf of all. Revenue Officer J. W. Beattie, who gave evidence at the previous hearing of the case, was recalled and questioned by Mr. Lindsell.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you say whether the *Benayon* carried any other Chinese besides the twelve men arrested and the one who was not arrested as part of the crew?

Witness: The saloon boy, the stewards and cooks were also Chinese.

Did you see any of them on board? When we searched the rest of the ship we saw some of the stewards, cooks and boys.

Is the starboard side of the fore-cabin occupied by the European crew?—Yes. C.P.O. Clarke said that the condition of the place was such as to make him think that someone had been there ahead of them.

His Worship: Would you say that someone had been there ahead and had been through the men's effects?—The appearance of the place suggested that someone had been through the foremen's effects as if looking for something.

Supposing these firearms and ammunition had been planted there would you expect the clothing to have been thrown about?—I should not expect it, unless done in a great hurry.

In answer to Mr. d'Almada, witness said that all the bunks in the fore-cabin appeared to have been occupied.

A Chinese Revenue Officer who assisted in the search on the *Benayon*, said that he found in a rattan basket one revolver and four boxes of cartridges. In a wooden box he found 250 rounds of ammunition and some loose ammunition among the personal effects of one man. The box was locked and he had to prize it open with a spanner. The rattan basket was not locked. The lock of this basket was broken and it had apparently been corded before the revenue officers got there. It was tightly corded when witness found it.

Another Chinese Revenue Officer, who also assisted in the search, said that he found two revolvers concealed in a sack which was tightly tied with cord.

Mr. Lindsell commented on the fact that the two Chinese witnesses had said the things were left neatly in the foremen's quarters while the European officers had said that the quarters were in a state of confusion.

Chief Detective Inspector Grant remarked that no doubt some of the confusion was due to the searches. It was stated that there were four more Chinese Revenue Officers to give evidence and also a European police sergeant.

At this juncture the case was adjourned until next week.

The eight defendants were remanded in custody, the other four being allowed bail.



**"BURNS NIGHT."****LAST NIGHT'S CELEBRATION IN HONGKONG.**

The annual "Burns Night" held under the auspices of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, took place at the Hongkong Hotel (Roof Garden) last night, with the Chieftain (Dr. G. D. R. Black) in the chair, and over 100 members of the Society present.

The members were piped in to dinner by Mr. G. S. Brown. Grace was said by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

After the loyal toast of the King, proposed by the Chieftain, "The Immortal Memory of the Robert Burns" was proposed by Mr. W. Kay, M.A., who said:—

"In the first place allow me to thank you for the great honour you have conferred on me to-night, an honour of which anyone, but especially a Scot, is bound to be proud. It is a distinction but also a task, seeing that to say anything new about Burns is almost an impossibility. For instance just consider what is happening to-night. Four or five hours ago Scots in Fiji were probably beginning the 1926 Burns celebrations. These were followed by the many Scots in New Zealand, Eastern Australia, and Japan. Brither Scots in Shanghai started along with us and at the present moment those in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies will be assembling. From there the Burns fiery cross will speed by Rangoon and Mandalay to many towns in India and be hailed with joy wherever Scotsmen are gathered together. While we are sleeping off the effects of to-night's potatoes and onions tens of thousands of Burns enthusiasts in the Old Country and South Africa will be celebrating this date, and when these are wending their way home in the small hours almost as many admirers in Canada and the States will be taking up the tale. Indeed it may be truly said that on January 25th the moon never sets on Burns Suppers. Speeches about the poet and his works are usually delivered at these functions and as this has been happening for very many years now you will realise how little remains to be said about the Ayrshire bard. So, gentlemen, to-night I shall rather ask the why and wherefore of this universal homage to Burns.

**UNHEEDED ANNIVERSARIES.**

Scotland has produced many distinguished men, yet their anniversaries pass by unheeded: England and Ireland have scores of heroes and poets, but neither the English nor the Irish have a function corresponding to our Burns night. Therefore, it would appear that these numerous Burns gatherings all over the world are more than a tribute to the man's genius and intense sympathy. To me it seems that they are an expression of thanks. Let me explain. Among the illustrious sons of Scotland two are venerated above all others—Wallace and Burns. The reason for this, gentlemen, is because these two, on different occasions, saved her from extinction. At the end of the thirteenth century, when our country lay crushed and bleeding under the iron heel of Edward I., Wallace appeared, and, at the cost of his own life, resurrected his country. What the patriot did then, the poet may be said to have achieved five hundred years later. At the end of the eighteenth century Scottish national life was practically non-existent: the country was exhausted after a century of political and religious strife; she was in bad odour on account of the two Jacobite rebellions which, though abortive, had, nevertheless, given John Bull a nasty fright; her parliament was defunct; all symbols of her royalty were gone; as we can see by reading the works of Johnson and Swift Englishmen despised Scotsmen; and if the truth must be told, a great many Scots were ashamed of their nationality. Scotland had at that time some gifted writers such as Adam Smith, David Hume, and Robertson the historian, authors of world-wide repute, but these took the greatest pains to write meticulously correct English and dreaded nothing so much as the mischance of a Scottishism or a Scottish idiom creeping into their writings. Just when the Scottish dialect seemed in danger of perishing Burns appeared, as if dropped from the clouds, to render that dialect classical; to show Scotland she still had a soul, and to vindicate his country's claim to recognition. The publication of the now famous Kilmarnock edition, for which the poet received a paltry £20, gave Scotland a pleasant shock and Scotsmen a glad conceit of themselves—a conceit which I am pleased to say, they have never since lost. From that red-letter day in our history, June, 1786, the tide of Scottish nationalism, then at a dangerously low ebb, set in, and, gentlemen, it is up to us to see that it does not begin to recede in our

day. Principal Sharp says: "No wonder the peasantry of Scotland loved Burns as perhaps people never loved a poet. He interpreted them to themselves and to others, and this too in their own language made musical and glorified by genius. He made the poorest ploughman proud of his station and of his toil since Robbie Burns had shared and sung them. In him the Scottish people have seen an impersonation of themselves on a large scale. If Scotsmen of to-day love and cherish their country with the pride unknown to their ancestors of the 18th century, if strangers look on Scotland as a land of romance this we owe in a great measure to Burns." That is why I say, gentlemen, these gatherings on Burns anniversary are of a thanksgiving nature.

To-day Burns is admired on account of his poems, more especially the songs, but all who had the good fortune to speak with him say that his conversational powers were even more amazing than his poetic gifts. One Edinburgh hostess said: "None ever outshone Burns in the sorcery of fascinating conversation, spontaneous eloquence, and brilliant repartee." She then goes on to describe the almost superhuman beauty of his voice and eyes, those black balls of fire that electrified all on whom they rested. The Duchess of Gordon, Queen of Scottish society then, the friend of Pitt, and acquainted with all the most brilliant men of that time, said of Burns: "No man's conversation ever carried me so completely off my feet." Professors and learned doctors were alike impressed but, alas, there remains only the reputation of that wonderful gift of speech. The greatest of all biographies was written by a Scotsman about an Englishman. What a pity Burns had no Boswell dogging his footsteps to preserve for posterity that eloquence and wit, especially during the one crowded hour of glorious life in Edinburgh when the star of Burns shone brightest. However, gentlemen, we still have his poems and my advice to you is, read them. The ignorance of many Scotsmen about the life and works of Burns is deplorable and disgraceful. Far too many of our countrymen have a hearsay, second-hand knowledge of the poet and are Burnsites one day or rather one night per year—to-night's date.

I think it would be a good thing if our St. Andrew's Society made it a rule that no one could join unless he possessed a copy of Burns poems and could prove to a Board of Examiners that he knew something of the contents. That may sound a bit drastic but I certainly think that no one should be allowed to (or have the nerve to) sit on the committee who does not have a well-thumbed copy of our poet. Of course, gentlemen, I am casting no reflections on the members of the present excellent committee. And you fathers here to-night, what do your bairns ken about Burns and his dialect? Are you letting them grow up ignorant of the tongue of their forefathers, and is the priceless heritage of Scottish song, ballad, and story to be a closed book to them? Here I think the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society can be of use. In many parts of Scotland the Burns and Scott societies give prizes to the scholars who write the best essays on Burns and Scott subjects. Surely it is not beyond the means of a powerful society like ours to do something similar for the bairns of this Colony. I am sure my friend, Professor Simpson, a staunch Scot from Aberfeldy, will be only too pleased to do what he can to help in such a laudable scheme. I hope the members of the committee will consider the suggestion.

**CARLYLE'S BEST EFFORT.**

Besides knowing the poems of Burns every Scot worthy of the name should be familiar with Carlyle's magnificent essay on Burns—one of the best things Carlyle ever wrote—and Lord Rosebery's speeches made at Dumfries and Glasgow. With your permission I shall conclude with a brief quotation from the most eloquent of living Scotsmen. His Lordship says: "Burns had honour in his lifetime but his fame has rolled on like a snowball since his death, and still rolls on. That generous and immortal soul pervades the universe to-day. In the humming city and in the crowd of men; in the backwood and in the swamp; where the sentinel paces the bleak frontier and where the sailor smokes his evening pipe; and above all where the farmer and his men pursue their summer toil, whether under the Stars and Stripes or under the Union Jack, the thought and sympathy of men are directed to Burns. His true life began with his death; with his body passed away all that was gross and impure; the clear spirit stood revealed and soared at once to its accepted place among the fixed stars in the firmament of the rare immortals." (Applause.)

(Continued on next column.)

**THE SEIZURE OF SWATOW NATIVE CUSTOMS.****AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SWATOW, January 23rd.

The following is the announcement in the newspapers about the seizure of the Native Customs:—

"In a circular report issued by the Bureau of Foreign Affairs under date of 20th January the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs (who is also Superintendent of Customs) advised having sent out special deputies to take over charge of all Native Customs Stations within 50 li of this Treaty Port, heretofore controlled by the Maritime Customs under provisions of the Treaty of Tientsin of 1902 (this reference is incorrect, what is probably referred to is the Mackay Supplementary Commercial Treaty of 1920).

"According to the Tientsin Treaty (see above-note) the control of Native Customs barriers within 50 li of any treaty port was placed under the Commissioner of Maritime Customs in order to provide sufficient revenue, for the Chinese Government to meet its obligations arising out of the Boxer trouble. As for years past the regular receipts of the Maritime Customs have been more than enough for payment of indemnities to Foreign Powers, and as whatever surplus therefrom has been used by Northern Militarists for the prolongation of internal disturbances, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs believes himself justified in taking the action referred to."

**STRIKE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES**

I hear that this energetic body has to-day seized and sealed all the China Merchants' godowns pending the payment of some huge "squeeze." Apparently strike funds are running low and in desperation the Committee has turned on one of the few native concerns that has been making money. There may, of course, be some ulterior motive, as for instance the dissatisfaction of several influential Swatow Chinese, who were first class passengers on the stranded s.s. "Feiching" at the cavalier treatment meted out to them by the comrades of the "Feiching" and the "Yushun."

**SHOTS IN THE DARK.****ALARMING INCIDENT AT KOWLOON.**

A somewhat alarming incident, fortunately unattended by serious consequences, occurred at Kowloon on Sunday evening, when three revolver shots rang out in the still night air, the bullets passing through a window at the rear of a house in Hankow Road, but, as stated, without harming anyone.

It appears from a report made to the police, that the wife of a servant of Mr. Patell, of No. 2, Patell Villas, Hankow Road, Kowloon, was in the rear of the premises in the servants' quarters about 8.15 when she was startled by hearing her room at the rear of the house, another shot rang out and the bullet pierced a piece of cardboard which was replacing a missing pane in the window of the room.

The identity of the person who fired the revolver remains a mystery and although immediate report was made to the police and the vicinity searched, no trace of the person was discovered.

**A YOUTH'S REVENGE.****"YOUNG SCOUNDREL" SENT TO PRISON.**

A Chinese boy who was birched on Saturday for assaulting a woman, again appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, charged with assaulting an elderly Chinese. It was stated that immediately after the thrashing he received on Saturday, he went to the house of the woman and assaulted her husband in revenge for the prosecution.

Defendant, who was described as a thorough young scoundrel, was sent to prison for six months with hard labour.

**"THE LASSIES."**

Mr. J. M. Walker in proposing the toast of the "Lassies," said that he could see that the spirit of Bobbie Burns was amongst them. This toast had been introduced with a certain amount of levity, but he had had a vast experience of the fair sex. The truth was what Gilbert might say "herein was the contradiction of contradictoriness." In Hongkong ladies he had found many compensations, and the only thing he had to say against them was that there were not enough of them from North of the Tweed. Hongkong ladies might have their cocktails, shingling, etc., but other with they were what one might call sugar to the body. (Laughter.)

Dr. Morrison replied. A musical programme followed to which contributions were made by Messrs. G. McLeod, K. Macnaughton and J. W. Blackley, and recitations were given by Messrs. A. S. Mill and J. Bartholomew.

**CANTON RED DEMONSTRATION.****HONOUR LENIN, LIEBKNECHT AND ROSA LUXEMBOURG.**

Many Chinese have heard of Lenin, but very few probably ever heard of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg. The Canton Gazette, however, devotes over two of its columns to a report of a demonstration in the grounds of the Canton University to "celebrate the memory" of the three. Our contemporary proclaims in bold type that "Over 100,000 people" exclaimed: "Long Live Lenin!"—but this is probably a very wild guess at a figure.

Three platforms were erected—not a very adequate number from which to address 100,000 people. Across the central platform hung a streamer presented by the "International Association of the Oppressed Peoples," bearing the words "Long Live Leninism."

The programme—as at all Kuomintang meetings—included the public reading of the Last Will of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, in which he counsels co-operation with the Soviet.

Comrade Kan Un Han and Comrade Borodin appear to have been the two star speakers.

Comrade KAN UN HAN said: The great revolutionists whom they were honouring by this demonstration were the leaders not only of the German and Russian Revolution, but they were the guides of the World Revolution. Although the one had succeeded, while the others have failed in bringing the revolution in their countries to a victorious end, all of them had taught the Chinese revolutionists the lessons of abnegation, courage, sincerity and organizing power. All of them were the teachers and friends of the oppressed and the exploited.

Having related the story of the lives and work of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg, the speaker said the following about Lenin: What Karl Marx had said in theory, Lenin has applied in practice. He has called upon the toilers of the world to fight against their exploiters and oppressors. The life of Lenin is an example for revolutionists. He lived as simply as a worker. He worked 16 hours a day. He devoted all his energy to the cause of the toilers.

Furthermore, there is a striking similitude between Lenin and his party, and Dr. Sun and the Kuomintang. When Lenin died, the imperialists were overjoyed, thinking and hoping that his party would die, too. When our late President was dead, the same imperialists were forecasting the end of our party. But the great leaders have laid down so great and solid a foundation for their parties that, instead of dying to please the imperialists, the Communist party in Russia and the Kuomintang in China become stronger and greater everyday!

Comrade KAN concluded his speech by saying: "To perpetuate their memory, it is not enough to learn their glorious history. We must follow their teachings and example!"

**BORODIN'S SPEECH.**

Our Canton contemporary's report says:

Received by rousing applause, Comrade BORODIN said: "The country where Lenin was born, lived, fought and died, was a country of the poor, a country of peasants and workers, who had nothing for themselves, no rights except to toil and sweat for the benefit of a small privileged class and for the foreign imperialists. Under his leadership, the revolutionists and the toiling masses of Russia raised the banner of revolution—overthrowing the parasitical classes as well as the foreign exploiters. Since then, the masses have come to know, love and venerate him and his party. The imperialists set the whole world against Revolutionary Russia. Armed intervention, blockade, intrigues, calumnies—they tried every means to crush the revolution. But they failed.

While fighting against world imperialism, Lenin told the Russian people: 'The peasants, workers, the poor masses of these imperialist countries, also suffer. They are our friends. Let us get together to overthrow our common enemies: the exploiters.' He said it, he did it, he fought for it. And his call has been answered by millions of toilers of the world, whose leaders—guided by Lenin—form the III Internationale. Relentlessly, courageously, members of that Internationale fight, suffer, and sometimes die for the people. Thousands of our comrades suffer in other countries. But none are discouraged.

Lenin fought not only for the people of all the provinces—and we found that all sympathize with emancipation of the proletariat and the peasantry—but also for the freedom of the oppressed countries throughout the world. He said to the Western proletariat: 'We cannot destroy completely imperialism and capitalism without an alliance with the colonies and semi-colonies. Let us help them. Let us conclude with them a united front.' Your great leader, our great leader, Dr. Sun, was first to answer this call. And international imperialism was doomed the day these two leaders joined hands.

With a vehemence that electrified the large audience, Borodin concluded: 'Comrades! Let us unite under the banner of our great leaders! Let us continue their brotherly alliance to complete the revolution which they started. Let us work hand in hand to make the world happier!'

Many students, soldiers, and women addressed the meeting. They were all inspired, our Canton contemporary says, by the spirit of unity, sacrifice, and the example of Liebknecht, Rosa Luxembourg, Lenin and Dr. Sun.

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"The provisions in question do not apply to  
Contracts entered into by any incorporated  
Company in its corporate capacity and made  
for the general benefit of the Company."  
J. B. RACCHUS, L.A., Col.  
Treasurer, Treasury Office, R.A.P.O.  
His Majesty's Treasury Office,  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1926. [3114]

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE Motorship  
"ERMLAND"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are  
hereby notified that all Goods are being  
landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or  
extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,  
whence, and/or from the Wharves, Delivery  
can be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-  
ing undelivered after the 31st January, 1926,  
will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must reach us by 1st February,  
1926, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined by  
Messrs. Goldard and Douglas (Marine  
Surveyors) at 10 a.m. on 30th January,  
1926.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JEBSEN & Co.,  
Agents. [3110]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMERS  
"KABALA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 23RD JAN., 1926.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRA-  
LTA, MALIBES, MALTA,  
PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO  
AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed and  
placed at risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's  
Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment  
will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery  
can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
Instructions have been given to the con-  
trary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.  
Goods not cleared within 8 days, including  
date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.  
Damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns for examination by the Consignee, and  
the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goldard  
& Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays  
and Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Underwriter on or before the  
12th February, 1926, or they will not be  
recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns.  
MAOKINNON, MAOKINNON & CO.,  
Agents. [3111]

PREPAID "WANTED"  
ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET—From April 1st, 1926, for Six  
Months, Well Furnished Flat, Four  
Rooms, Central District, All Modern Conven-  
iences including Elevator. Apply—Box No.  
155, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [155]

## INTIMATIONS

G. B.  
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

THE PUBLIC is hereby Reminded that  
Any DOG Can Be IMMUNISED  
Against RABIES by INOCULATION, the  
Effects of which last for about 12 Months.  
Any Qualified Veterinary Surgeon can perform  
the Operation which consists of a Single  
Injection.

M. J. REIDY,  
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.  
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1926. [3103]

## NOTICE.

WE Have Been Appointed SOLE  
AGENTS for the HYDE WATER  
OIL COMPANY, OF NEW YORK, and are  
prepared to quote on Lubricating Oils and  
Greases.

Representative direct from the Refinery is  
attached to our Staff.  
THE JARDINE ENGINEERING  
CORPORATION, LTD.,  
14, Pedder Street,  
Hongkong. [3105]

## HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

THE FINALS of the KOYLI CUP  
will be Played on SATURDAY, 30th  
JANUARY, at 3 P.M., on the CLUB Ground.  
The Match will be followed by the  
GYMKHANA Events given below—

- 1.—PIC SICKING.
- 2.—TERRAP & NEEDLE RACE.
- 3.—MUSICAL CHAIRS.
- 4.—BURNING RACE.
- 5.—OBSTACLE RACE.

ENTRY to these Events is OPEN to All  
Members of the Hongkong Polo Club and to  
Subscribers to the FAN LING HOUSES. Entry  
lists showing Conditions of Events are posted  
at the CLUBHOUSE, the STABLES and at the  
Hongkong Club and will be CLOSED on  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th.

Admission to the Match and Gymkhana is  
Open to Subscribers to the FAN LING HOUSES,  
Members of the Polo Club and their Guests.  
There will be served and Refreshments  
provided. [3083]

## FANLING HUNT RACES.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1926.

ENTRIES for the STEEPCHASE  
MEETING at FANLING HUNT COURSE  
CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 1st to Dr. F.  
PIERCE-GROVE, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

THE HEAVY WEIGHT and LIGHT  
WEIGHT RACES are Open to all (whether  
Subscribers to the Hunt, Members of Polo  
Club, Hongkong Defence Corps or not).  
The 1st Race will start at 3 p.m.

Special Trains with Cheap Fares will be  
Run to and from Fanling.  
The Subscriber's Enclosure will be Open to  
the Public at \$2 Per Head. Motor Cars can  
park by the Rail in the Enclosure. [3168]

## DERRINGTON.

HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

3, PEAK ROAD. TEL. CENTRAL 464.

[3083]

TO LET—6-Roomed FURNISHED HOUSE  
at the PEAK for 9 or 12 Months from  
beginning of April. Grass Tennis Court.  
Apply Box No. 3099, c/o Hongkong Daily  
Press. [3099]

FOR SALE—BUICK 7-SEATER, 27  
H.P., 1925 Model—mileage 15,000.  
Trial and Full Particulars.—Box 3092, c/o  
Hongkong Daily Press. [3092]

TO LET—Self Contained Flat in Armand  
Buildings, Kowloon, Four Large Rooms,  
Kitchen, Servants' Quarters, etc. Furniture  
and Fittings may be Taken Over if Required.  
Apply—Post Office Box 609, Hongkong. [3052]

EVERLITE DYNAMO POCKET LAMP; No  
Batteries; No Refills Required. Never  
Wears Out. Six Months Free Guarantee.  
\$10.00 Each. MONTGOMERY OILMAN & Co.,  
1 Des Voeux Road. [Tel. 4630]

## TO LET.

ON or About MARCH 1926, WHOLE  
FLAT or SPACIOUS SUITE of  
OFFICES in the "FARMER BUILDING" or  
"VICTORIA BUILDING," No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL (between CHARTERED BANK and  
MEXICAN BANK).

Apply to—  
BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE,  
Chater Road. [2807]

## TO LET.

GODOWNS in ALEXANDRA BUILD-  
INGS (Basement).  
Apply—  
SECRETARY,  
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.  
2083

## ON SALE.

HONGKONG HANSARD REPORTS  
of the MEETINGS of the  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the  
Session 1924.  
Revised by Members.

PRICE ... .. 35

DAILY PRESS OFFICE.

## INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT AND AGENCY CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLD-  
ERS in this Company will be held at the  
Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY,  
1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors together with a Statement  
of Accounts for the year ending 31st  
December, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th  
JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, 27th JANU-  
ARY, both days inclusive, during which  
Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Secretary. [3056]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will  
be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE,  
MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the  
29th JANUARY, 1926, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors  
together with a Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY,  
the 26th JANUARY, 1926, to THURSDAY,  
the 29th JANUARY, 1926, both days  
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. H. CRAPNELL,  
Acting Secretary. [3078]

## HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

JANUARY 30th, 1926, at 9.15 P.M.

FIFTH TOURNAMENT OF THE  
SEASON.

## MAIN EVENT:

FIFTEEN ROUND CONTEST for the WELTER-  
WEIGHT BELT.  
C. P. C. JIM CARTLIDGE,  
ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD.

A. B. EWING, H.M.S. "HUMBLE"

And Five Other Contests.

BOOKING at MOUTRIE'S For—  
MEMBERS Only on THURSDAY, the 28th INST.  
GENERAL PUBLIC on FRIDAY, the 29th  
and SATURDAY, the 30th INST.

PRICES:—\$5.00, \$3.00 and \$1.00. [3105]

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGE

## PUBLIC AUCTION

OF THE  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY  
SITUATE at VICTORIA, HONGKONG, and  
known as MARINE LOT No. 345, together  
with No. 119, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL and  
No. 297, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, situated  
thereon.

Area: 2,240 Square feet, Crown Rent \$42.00,  
AND  
MARINE LOT No. 346, together with No. 120,  
CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL and No. 298, DES  
VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, situated thereon.

Area: 2,228 Square feet, Crown Rent \$42.00  
TO BE SOLD  
IN TWO LOTS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

ON  
TUESDAY, the 26th DAY OF JANUARY,  
1926, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

AT THEIR SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET,  
VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

BY  
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,  
Auctioneers.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,  
Apply to—  
Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES  
& MASTER,  
Princes Building, Hongkong.

OR TO  
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,  
The Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1926. [3069]

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VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, situated thereon.

Area: 2,228 Square feet,  
Crown Rent \$42.00,  
TO BE SOLD  
IN ONE LOT.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,  
The Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1926. [3070]

## INTIMATION

FINE  
AND  
SHERRIES

Bottled and shipped by

Geo. G. SANDEMAN SONS  
& Co.

## PORTS:

	Duty Paid.	Per Case	Per Bot.
Invalid ... ..	\$39.00	\$3.30	
Douro ... ..	38.00	3.25	
Old Tawny ... ..	44.00	3.75	
Estrella ... ..	46.00	3.90	
Very Old Tawny ... ..	56.00	4.75	
Oldest & Finest ... ..	60.00	5.00	

## SHERRIES:

Light Dry ... ..	\$32.00	\$2.75
Solera ... ..	37.00	3.10
Very Pale Dry ... ..	38.00	3.25
Pale Dry Nutty ... ..	40.00	3.40
Fine Old Brown ... ..	44.00	3.75

A. S. WATSON  
& CO., LTD.

Wine and Spirit Merchants.

[50]

## BIRTH.

BRAY.—On January 25th, at the Matilda  
Hospital, Hongkong, to Rev. A. H.  
and Mrs. BRAY, a son. [3113]

## MARRIAGES.

AUSTEN—STEVENS.—At Shanghai, on Janu-  
ary 19th, WILLIAM ERNEST AUSTEN, to  
ELIZABETH STEVENS, the only daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. STEVENS, of  
Thornton Heath, Surrey.  
HARRISON—TIPPIN.—At Shanghai, on  
January 18th, LILLIAN BEATRICE,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES  
TIPPIN, of Shanghai, to FRANK GAR-  
SIDE HARRISON, of Freshfield, Eng-  
land.

## DEATHS.

GORDON.—On board s.s. *Hector*, on  
January 23rd, GLADYS, wife of J. H.  
GORDON (Gibb, Livingston & Co.,  
Ltd.). [3112]

STOKES.—At Shanghai, on January 17th,  
FRANK NORMAN STOKES, Master  
Mariner, China Merchants S.N. Co.,  
aged 30 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.  
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 26th, 1926.

THE SOVIET ULTIMATUM  
TO CHINA.

THE trouble over the Chinese Eastern  
Railway which has brought the Soviet  
and China to the verge of hostilities  
creates an intriguing situation. When  
the Soviet entered into an Agreement  
with China in May, 1924, dealing among  
other things with the working of the  
Chinese Eastern Railway and providing  
for its ultimate redemption by China,  
with Chinese capital, it was hailed by  
M. BORODIN in a message to the late  
Dr. SUN YAT SEN as "a treaty of peace  
and amity which is bound to be the first  
important step on the way to China's  
endeavour to extricate herself from the  
position of a semi-colony." We are won-  
dering what M. BORODIN is thinking of  
the subject now. When Japan took  
necessary measures to protect her in-  
terests in Manchuria a few weeks ago,  
when war was raging in the domain of  
Marshall CHANG TAO LIN, the Kuomint-  
tang at Canton, which is served by M.  
BORODIN in the capacity of Political

Adviser, set up a howl of protest against  
this so-called evidence of "imperialist  
aggression," and efforts were made to set  
in motion an agitation against Japan  
throughout the country. We have yet to  
learn what the Kuomintang thinks of  
what the Chinese in the North are re-  
presenting as a Soviet "outrage."

To the spectator of events in China it  
is interesting and illuminating to see that  
the Soviet, when occasion requires, can  
be as "imperialist" as the rest of the  
Powers when what she regards as her  
rights and interests in "Chinese territory"  
are violated, and she can even, on occa-  
sion, be angry when subjects of the Soviet  
are thrown into Chinese prisons by the  
exercise of arbitrary power. We say  
"on occasion" advisedly. The political  
complexion of the outraged Russians—  
whether they are "Red" or "White"—  
appears to constitute a world of differ-  
ence in the Russian Embassy; because  
we may recall that a few months ago  
M. IVANOFF's predecessor in the Chief  
Managership of the Railway, was simi-  
larly thrown into prison and kept there  
for many weeks by the exercise of arbi-  
trary power, but because he and the  
other Russian officials who were imprison-  
ed at the same time, were "White," all  
appeals for the Soviet Ambassador's  
interest to get them released on bail were  
in vain. Though they were eventually  
released, they have not yet, we believe,  
been tried in a judicial court for the  
offences alleged against them.

What the rights and wrongs of the  
present question may be does not con-  
cern us at the moment so much as the  
interesting fact that there are actually  
Chinese in the North who think that  
recent developments in this railway zone  
"tend" to indicate that Russia, whose  
Far Eastern policy for the past two  
hundred and fifty years has been that of  
territorial and political aggrandisement  
at the expense of China, is making a  
renewed effort to strengthen her position  
in Mongolia and Manchuria." In this  
connection, it has been reported that the  
Soviet has made, or is making, an  
arrangement with the independent Gov-  
ernment of Outer Mongolia for the con-  
struction of a railway from Chita, the  
capital of Mongolia, to Kulon, which is  
more than half way to Peking. It is said  
that the agreement provides for the  
extensive privileges of buying lands and  
building houses, and acquiring mining  
and timber rights within one hundred  
versts of the railway, similar to those  
obtained by the Tsarist Government in  
the case of the Chinese Eastern Railway.  
It is not clear from the brief reports to  
hand how far these alleged "imperialist  
designs" of the Soviet enter into the  
present imbroglio, but it is significant  
that they are being publicly expressed,  
and that the Soviet is being represented  
by the Chinese as being as "imperialist  
and aggressive" as other Foreign Powers,  
if not more so. Whatever settlement may  
be reached in respect of this present  
incident, it is not likely to serve the  
Soviet's purpose any longer in China to  
protest that "COWLYN, the friend, not  
Short."

The Rev. C. B. Shann was a passenger  
by the outward bound s.s. *Korea Maru*.

With funds all spent, nine of the higher  
educational institutions in Peking sus-  
pended work last Monday.

The Medical Officer of Health's return  
for the 48 hours ended Sunday records  
three cases of rabies among dogs.

Just before 9 p.m. last night, all the  
houses on the Peak were plunged into  
darkness, owing to the failure of the  
electric light. By 9.50 p.m., however, the  
damage was repaired.

Mr. A. E. Zaetes, H.M. Consul at  
Chungking, who has just returned from  
Home leave, is relieving Mr. Allan Archer,  
acting Consul at Chungking, who is being  
transferred to Shanghai as Shipping  
Vice-Consul.

A School Confirmation Service, in con-  
nection with the Diocesan Boys' School,  
will be held at St. John's Cathedral, on  
Wednesday morning, at 11.30 a.m., when  
fifteen Candidates will be presented for  
Confirmation. The service is open to all  
and, especially to parents, Godparents,  
Old Boys and friends of the school.

A Chinese was fined \$10 at the Central  
Magistracy yesterday for having struck  
a tram-driver. The complainant said that  
defendant asked him to stop the car near  
the Lai Wah Co.'s premises. He refused,  
but when the car stopped near Sincere's,  
defendant, before stepping off, struck  
him in the face.

The *Belgenland* tourists departed yes-  
terday afternoon, after spending five  
days in Hongkong and the vicinity.  
Large parties from the tourist ship visit-  
ed the New Territories over the week-end,  
and yesterday friends made by the  
tourists while in Hongkong were enter-  
tained on board the *Belgenland* to tiffin.

Mr. Dick Norton and his "New Globe-  
trotters" are to visit Kowloon and are  
to give three performances at the Star  
Theatre, commencing on Tuesday, Febru-  
ary 2nd. The party comprises Leth  
Forbes, Peggy James, Billy Conway,  
Betty Forbes, Herbert Morris and Leo  
H. Brooker. The party is in no way con-  
nected with the "Broadcasters" who  
were here a short time ago.

In wishing its readers a Happy New  
Year, *The Yellow Dragon*, the Queen's  
College Magazine, mentions that the  
school register of names is now an im-  
posing one, the latest entrant's number  
at the time of writing being 17,608. Many  
of the new names appear there are  
very famous to-day, not only in Hong-  
kong and Canton but throughout and  
beyond the land of their birth.

Half of the foreign branch of the Shang-  
hai police force volunteered to give a  
pint of blood to a young comrade, P.C.  
R. Maim, who has passed away at the  
General Hospital after a protracted ill-  
ness. It was not until some ten days ago,  
when it was realized that blood trans-  
fusion was the only hope for his recovery,  
that the services of the deceased's com-  
rades were called upon. Finally one was  
picked upon for the operation.

Mail from London and Europe via  
Siberia arrived yesterday by the s.s.  
*City of Bedford*. Altogether 86 bags  
were landed, but of this number, only  
nine bags were from the United Kingdom  
(dated London, December 30th); while  
eight bags contained continental mail.  
The remainder was from Shanghai. The  
next London mail is due on Friday by  
the s.s. *Fulda*, via Negapatam, (letters  
only, dated London, December 31st).

At the R.A.O.B. dance at the Royal  
Naval Canton on Saturday night, the  
prizes for fancy dress were won by: Miss  
Murphy, 1st, as *Parcels Post*; Mrs.  
Ward, 2nd, as *Oranges*; and Lemon:  
Mr. Greenham, 1st, as *Russian Cavalry  
Officer*; and Mr. Dear, 2nd, as *Jack and  
his Bride*. The prizes were presented at  
the interval by the P.Q.P. of the China  
Province: Messrs. Pock, Pillage, Pinn,  
Murphy, Jefferys, Jacobs and Faithfull  
were the Committee.

## LOCAL WEDDING.

## BUCKLE-BAILEY.

A pretty Naval wedding took place at  
St. John's Cathedral yesterday after-  
noon, when the contracting parties were



## CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITISH RAILWAY ISSUES.  
N.U.R. PROPOSAL REGARDING  
IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM.

RUGBY, January 25th.

Members of the executive and officials of the National Union of Railwaymen are meeting representatives of the railway companies this morning to discuss two issues, raised by the delegates' conference, which last week rejected the findings of the National Wages Board. Proposals, for which fresh negotiations are sought, are that the companies shall not put into operation the finding of the Board that new entrants to service and men promoted from junior to senior grade should receive only the basic wage rates of the grades to which they are appointed without cost of living bonus; and that the companies shall give assurance that they will accept the basic rates as an 'irreducible minimum to be paid to railway workers.

## LORD STONEHAVEN.

TO PAY OFFICIAL FLYING VISITS  
IN AUSTRALIA.

RUGBY, January 25th.

An aeroplane is under construction in England for the recently appointed Governor-General of Australia, Lord Stonehaven. The machine is a De Havilland 50 biplane, fitted with a 230 H.P. Siddeley Puma engine. There is a cabin with seats for four passengers and the machine will be used by the governor on his official visits throughout Australia. It can be quickly converted from a landplane with wheels to a seaplane with floats.

ITALIAN DEBT TO U.K.  
CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON  
BEING RESUMED.

RUGBY, January 25th.

Discussions between Count Volpi, of the Italian Debt Funding Mission, and Mr. Winston Churchill and British Treasury officials regarding the settlement of the Italian War Debt will be resumed this afternoon. Matters are understood to have been considerably advanced in the last few days. Further progress may be made to-day in view of communications that have passed between Count Volpi and his Government at Rome.

## POLITICS IN BRITAIN.

THE PREMIER TO DELIVER  
A SERIES OF SPEECHES.

RUGBY, January 24th.

As is usual during the period immediately preceding the opening of Parliament, there has, during the past few days, been a marked increase in political activity in many constituencies and during this week the Prime Minister will deliver a series of speeches to which the Press attaches much importance.

To-morrow night Mr. Baldwin will address a party gathering in London and it is anticipated the speech will deal primarily with party organization questions. At the conclusion he will leave for Stirling and will speak on the question of housing in Scotland. On Wednesday, at Sunderland, he will speak on the industrial situation. He will return to London on the following night and will preside at a Cabinet meeting on Friday at which the final terms of the King's Speech for the opening of Parliament on February 2nd will be approved.

The most important speeches this week-end have been those of Lord Oxford and Mr. Lloyd George. Lord Oxford in his speech, which was made at Hull last night, characterised the suggestion of a Liberal alliance with Labour as a fabric compounded of imagination and ignorance. Referring to the land question he agreed that among the Liberals there were differences of opinion on the proposals by Mr. Lloyd George's committee for rural land reform. He entertained the hope, however, that after the free and frank discussion now proceeding, a general agreement might be reached. Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Cardiff, also expressed strong hopes that a compromise that would have all Liberals behind it might be reached at a Liberal conference on the land question next month.

## DARLINGTON ELECTION.

VACANCY CREATED BY DEATH  
OF MR. PEASE.

RUGBY, January 24th.

A vacancy is created in the Parliamentary representation of Darlington by the death of Mr. William Edwin Pease, Conservative member for that borough. At the last General Election his majority over his Labour opponent exceeded 2,000 votes.

## ULSTER PRISONERS.

GOVERNOR REMITS SENTENCES  
IN 33 CASES.

RUGBY, January 24th.

The Home Office of Northern Ireland announced at Belfast yesterday that in view of the present treaty, the Governor has remitted sentences passed on 33 prisoners who were convicted for various border disturbances. These men, who are now undergoing penal servitude, will be released immediately.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

## DISARMAMENT.

BRIAND AND CHAMBERLAIN TO  
DISCUSS POSTPONEMENT.

PARIS, January 25th.

*Le Matin* understands that the main item, in the next conversations between M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain, will probably be the postponement of the preliminary disarmament conference.

## SOVIET AND SWITZERLAND.

Meanwhile, the French Government is endeavouring to bring about a diplomatic rapprochement between Russia and Switzerland.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## LATE CARDINAL MERCIER.

MANIFESTATION OF COUNTRY'S  
DEEP SORROW.

BRUSSELS, January 24th.

The crowds which are thronging outside the nursing home waiting to file past the body, typify the deep sorrow felt throughout the country at the passing of Cardinal Mercier. H.M. the King, Members of the Cabinet and diplomatic and parliamentary personages visited the death chamber. The body has been taken to Malines where it will lie in state, decked in full robes and symbols of office. It is expected that the Cabinet will grant a State funeral to take place on Thursday. Condolences have been received from all parts of the world.

## CROWDS UNCONTROLLABLE.

Thirty thousand persons had filed past Cardinal Mercier's body before it was necessary to close the doors. The crowds were so dense that they became uncontrollable and, it is reported that, following a disturbance, several were arrested.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

## HIGH TRIBUTES PAID

RUGBY, January 24th.

High tributes are paid to the fine courage and patriotism displayed during the early stages of the War by Cardinal Mercier, whose death took place at Brussels yesterday. Cardinal Mercier's undaunted championship of Belgium's rights during its invasion by the German armies, made him one of the heroic figures of the War. Since the War, Cardinal Mercier devoted much of his time to an effort for effecting a rapprochement among the various branches of the Christian churches. He presided over a meeting at Malines at which several English Bishops were present and the Union of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches was discussed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## ALLEGED ESPIONAGE.

GERMAN PAID ORGANISATION  
AT WARSAW.

WARSAW, January 24th.

A big spying organisation, working on behalf of Germany, has been discovered here, according to the news papers. Three leaders and numerous accomplices have been arrested and a considerable quantity of compromising documents seized.

The alleged spies are stated to have wide connections with aristocratic and military circles.

SEQUEL TO THREATS.  
STRUCK DOWN WITH CHOPPER IN  
TEAHOUSE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with cutting and wounding a coolie.

Evidence was given to the effect that on December 28th, complainant, whilst working on the Praya at Mongkok, accidentally bumped into another man. This man set upon him, but they were separated by a third man. The man who was bumped into demanded compensation, and complainant paid over a small sum. This man met complainant on later occasions, and told him that if \$5 was not paid he would be killed. On January 7th complainant and a friend went to a tea-house, and met the man who kept on demanding money. Defendant was one of his friends. When complainant was leaving, the defendant came to him and after demanding money assaulted him. He attacked complainant with a chopper, and inflicted severe injuries to the head, fracturing the skull.

A Wei-hai-wei constable gave evidence that he was attracted to the scene by the sound of police whistles, and arrested defendant with the chopper in his possession.

The case was adjourned.

## UNCHARTED ISLAND STORY.

REPORT CONTRADICTED BY  
"PONG TONG" OFFICER.

The vernacular papers of Sunday published a report regarding the voyage of the s.s. *Pong Tong* from Hongkong to Ocean Island and back, and stated that on the way back to Hongkong an uncharted island was sighted.

This report was denied yesterday when an enquiry was put by our representative to one of the officers of the steamer.

While on the way back to Hongkong with coals from Ocean Island, after taking some coals down there they stopped at an island in the Pelaw group. On this island live eleven natives, four men and seven women. Two men put off to the *Pong Tong* with bananas and fruit, which they bartered for tinned meat. These people are fisherfolk and agriculturists and, our representative was told, were once ordered away by Japan, to whom the island belongs—but subsequently returned.

This island is not uncharted, and the officer who contradicted the vernacular report, stated that he remembers seeing it before.

The *Pong Tong*, which had an eventful voyage taking out some coals, running into a typhoon between Hongkong and Formosa and being lost trace of for some days, arrived back in Hongkong last Thursday.

## DARING PLAN TO ROB SHIP.

FIFTY COOLIES ATTEMPT TO ROB  
CARGO OF RICE.

The first organized attempt of wholesale theft of foodstuffs since the rise in the price of rice, says the *N.C. Daily News* came to the attention of the police on the 18th inst., when they arrested 24 coolies who had been trapped below the hatch covers of the s.s. *Kwongsheng*, while moored at the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf.

Discovered while in the hold of the ship by the vigilance of a watchman and the chief officer, who telephoned for the police, after fastening down the hatches, the men could put up no resistance and all who could not escape were taken into custody.

About 6 a.m., according to the story of the watchman, a gang of 60 or 60 coolies walked on board ship, as if to begin work, and removed the hatch covers carrying out their design. They descended into the hold, and while no one was looking opened bags of rice and prepared to remove such as they might. Fortunately the storekeeper came on the wharf and the watchman informed him that his gang were at work already, to which he replied that they were not. He informed the chief officer, who ordered the crew to fasten down the hatch covers.

The police came on the scene and took into custody those who had not crawled out through port holes or cargo doors in all 24. They will be charged at the Mixed Court.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with possession of 53 tablets of opium. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who said he appeared for Mr. C. A. S. Ems, asked for a remand. The case was adjourned until Wednesday, bail being granted in \$7,000.

Only two of 13 Chinese, charged with gambling, at Sai Street, West Point, appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in answer to the charges. The \$5 bail was extracted in the case of the eleven absentees. The two others were charged with gambling and also with keeping a common gaming house. They were each fined \$35.

CHINA'S SALT REVENUE IN 1925.  
INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR,  
BUT BEHIND 1923.

PEKING, January 19th.

Net salt revenue, after meeting administrative expenses, credited to the Group Banks during the year 1925, amounted to \$73,634,000, showing an increase of \$3,090,000 as compared with 1924, but a decrease of \$5,911,000 as compared with 1923.

The increase over 1924 was due to abnormal collections in Kiangsu and Chihli at the beginning of 1925 as a consequence of the dislocation of the local salt trade which occurred during the autumn and winter months of 1924 owing to civil wars and military interference with the salt administration. But for the recurrence of civil wars last November a substantial increase in the net salt revenue of 1925 as compared with 1924 would have been obtained.

All obligations secured on salt revenue, amounting to \$20,861,000 have been fully met and surplus funds released to the Chinese Government during 1925 amounted to \$53,963,000 (including \$13,234,000 received from the Maritime Customs on account of the Refund Reorganization Loan payments for the year). Of this amount some \$33,030,000 represents sums either retained locally or appropriated by provincial authorities or military commanders. These retentions, which are credited to the Group Banks by special arrangements, do not include the full amount of revenue retained by Kwangtung local authorities, the Canton District Inspectorate having been closed in May of 1923 owing to illegal interference on the part of the local authorities and not having reopened, and owing to the Swatow Assistant District Inspectorate having been closed in December of 1923 for similar interference.

In addition to retentions made in 1923 in the provinces of Kwangtung, Szechwan, Yunnan, Hunan, Kiangsi, the three Manchurian provinces, Kiangsu, Anhwei and Chekiang, part of the revenue of the provinces of Fuhien, Kiangsu, Shantung, Hupeh and Shansi was also retained during the last month of 1925 owing to local military action.

The reserve of the Group Banks was maintained during the year at \$7,000,000. —*Reuter*.

THE COTTON MILL STRIKE  
AT SHANGHAI.OPERATIVES AT YANGTSEPOO  
STILL OUT.

The strike at the Yangtsepoos Cotton Mill continues unabated, says the *N.C. Daily News* of the 20th inst., approximately 4,500 workers being absent from their machines. Negotiations were in progress between the management and the strike leaders, and although all hoped for an immediate settlement, it would seem that the workers are not prepared to return until their demands have been met. They still ask for punishment of the watchman who is alleged to have beaten their comrades to death, and compensation for his family.

## THEIR MANIFESTO.

The workers have issued a characteristic manifesto in which they ask: "How is it that our labour is similar to that of the horse or the ox? Our lives are often cheaper than those of dogs and pigs."

"You see the innocent worker, Yuan Tuh Young, recently killed by a running dog, employed by the wicked capitalists."

## DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

The inquest on the body of the Chinese labourer, who died at Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s cotton mill on January 12th and who it was alleged had been killed by one of the company's watchmen, was concluded at the Mixed Court on the 19th inst.

The inquest had previously been adjourned in order that an autopsy might be held to determine the cause of deceased's death. The result of this was such that it was decided that no further enquiry was necessary and a verdict of "death through natural causes" was recorded.

Mr. Chang Nien Yuan appeared on behalf of the wife and family of the deceased and said he would reserve his cross-examination of the doctor in case of any possible subsequent proceedings.

A number of articles seized in raids on gambling houses provided two cases at the Central Magistracy yesterday. These included a "tick" fan-tan counting stick. The stick made of bamboo had a secret cavity with a bean inside ready to be released by the bank when desired. The owner of the device escaped during the raid, and two others out on bail failed to attend the Court.

## SOVIET AND CHINA.

CHANG TSO LIN ORDERS RELEASE OF ALL RUSSIAN  
OFFICIALS AND WORKMEN AT HARBIN.

JAPAN CONTENT TO AWAIT EVENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, January 25th.

The Soviet Consul-General at Harbin has telegraphed to M. Karakhan to-day, stating that Marshal Chang Tso Lin, at 10.30 p.m. yesterday, ordered the release of M. Ivanoff, all the Soviet officials and workmen arrested at Harbin.

## FULLER DETAILS.

Further details show that M. Ivanoff, prior to being arrested at his residence on the 22nd, broadcast instructions to the effect that the orders of the Chinese military must not be obeyed.

The explanation given by the Chinese authorities was that M. Ivanoff thrice disobeyed the orders of Chang Huan Hsiang, the railway zone Tupan.

Following M. Ivanoff's arrest, his Russian assistant, M. Eisemont, announced he had assumed charge of the railway. Chang Huan Hsiang requested the Chinese Chairman of Directors to convene a meeting of the Board to order the dismissal of M. Ivanoff and appoint M. Eisemont and Mr. Kuo Tsung Hsi as joint managers, with authority to sign documents.

When the meeting was held, the Russian Directors demanded M. Ivanoff's release and left the meeting, refusing to discuss anything else.

Business at Harbin is at a standstill and it is stated that there is much apprehension amongst the Russian population.

Week-end telegrams from Harbin do not indicate that the situation is less tense. It is asserted that M. Ivanoff will be tried by a Chinese court-martial and probably sentenced to a term of imprisonment. The charge is not disclosed.

The Chinese authorities at Harbin have been endeavouring to resume traffic on the southern section, but unsuccessfully. In this respect certain Soviet employees on the railway are alleged to be obstructing the Chinese and it is expected that they will be arrested as well as other prominent members of the Soviet.

## A SOVIET THREAT.

The Soviet Secretary of the Chinese Eastern Railway is freely quoted as saying that if the Chinese do not comply with the Moscow ultimatum within a specified time, Red troops will be brought into the railway zone to take over control of the railway.

A private telegram from Harbin asserts that the Chinese are closing the frontier at Pogranichnaya and Manchuli, in order to prevent the passage of Red troops.

Another important incident is reported to have occurred at Harbin on Friday night, when the Chinese Authorities surrounded the Soviet Consulate-General and removed a quantity of arms and documents.

## BOTH ARE BLUFFING!

Tokyo, January 25th.

Despite contrary rumours, the Foreign Office spokesman states that the Japanese Government does not intend to mediate in the Harbin dispute, but will continue a policy of "watchful waiting."

Though it regards the situation as delicate, it is understood that the Government considers both parties are bluffing, therefore it is hopeful that hostilities will not break out.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

## FRENCH HOPES.

Paris, January 25th.

*Le Matin* and *L'Homme Libre* hope that the conflict between the Soviet and Marshal Chang Tso Lin will be settled pacifically.

## WHAT THE SOVIET EXPECTS.

PEKING, January 25th.

M. Karakhan yesterday received a telegram from M. Chicherin in connection with the Ivanov affair, stating that "the Soviet expects the Chinese Government to take the necessary measures for a peaceful settlement without avoiding investigation of cases of violation of the Chinese Eastern Railway Agreement. We demand, within three days, the restoration of full order on the Chinese Eastern Railway, fulfilment of the Agreement and the release of M. Ivanov. In case the Chinese Government is unable to secure a settlement of these questions by peaceful methods within the aforesaid period, the Soviet asks the Chinese Government to allow the Soviet to secure fulfilment of the Agreement and to protect the mutual interests of China, and the Soviet on the Chinese Eastern Railway by its own means."

M. Karakhan presented the above to the Chief Executive and the Foreign Minister and also telegraphed to Marshal Chang Tso Lin. M. Karakhan added:—"I ask you for the last time immediately to take steps, firstly, for the release of M. Ivanov and other railway officials; secondly, immediately to suppress all military interference with the railway; thirdly, to fix the amount payable for military transport so that in future it can be made from railway profits to China."

## CITY LIKE CAMP.

The *Tass News Agency* reports that the southern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway is still closed. The Chinese authorities have arrested all members of the Russian staff at Harbin, and Chinese detachments have occupied the workers' clubs and trade union premises. The whole city is like a military camp.

## FENG AND CHANG.

While Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's forces at Lanchow are strongly reinforcing despite the lull in the fighting, it is understood that Marshal Chang Tso Lin has ordered the Manchurians to halt owing to the Russo-Chinese imbroglio.

## IRONICAL PRESS COMMENT.

London, January 24th.

Giving prominence to the latest turn in the situation in Manchuria, the *Daily Telegraph* ironically remarks that the Soviet's action is such as might be expected of any "bourgeois" Government whose Treaty rights had been insolently violated and whose nationals were thrown into prison by the exercise of arbitrary power. It adds that M. Chicherin is well aware that the Government in Peking is as unable to influence the actions of Chang Tso Lin, as the Government of Capetown or Buenos Aires.

The *Daily Telegraph*, emphasising the Chinese uneasiness regarding Russian intentions in Manchuria, refers to the Soviet's original offer to abandon Russia's rights as regards the Eastern Railway and the persistent proclamation by Russian agents that the Chinese ought to be absolute masters within their own territory, and any Treaty imposing limits thereon might justly be treated as a scrap of paper. It concludes by pointing out that M. Chicherin's action cannot be regarded without serious misgivings in Tokyo.





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### PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL RAMAT.]

PARIS, December 7th, 1925.

During a season when colour plays so important a part in the mode, we are bound to hear much of its vagaries. Therefore, it is a matter of interest to know that fashion seems to have settled and adopted a definite course so far as this characteristic is concerned. It has done away with sharp contrasts placing dependence in harmonious combinations or, when possible, monotonies.

The latter are most effective when possible, when carried out in browns, tans, beiges, greys and other neutral shades. It is quite possible, when these colours are the choice, to make an ensemble in a single shade or in two shades of the same colour, although it calls for considerable matching to accomplish a successful result. Using shades of a single colour is much easier and, in a way, far more effective. All the big couturiers of Paris have been creating the most delightful models in two piece ensembles by using two shades of beige de rose, two shades of green, or by combining any of the shades running from beige to brown.

#### WINE SHADE CRAZE.

At the present moment, there is a craze for all the wine shades, such as burgundy, bordeaux and that particular shade the French call "le de vins" (wine dreg). There is another shade which is neither of these, known as beetroot, that is to be seen a great deal. Red is much worn, also green, in any of the shades ranging from deep bottle green to pale eau de nil; blues in the unusual periwinkle, cornflower and electric shades, and all the purple, petunia and fuchsia shades generally. But, always, if a frock is made of a certain shade, the coat hat and all the smaller accessories must harmonise, either in another colour, or else in a deeper or lighter shade of the same colour. Therefore, one can imagine a fuchsia coloured frock, matched by a hat, handbag and scarf in a tone to harmonise. Shoes, stockings and gloves do not follow suit in the matter of colour quite so rigidly. For stockings there still exists the law of flesh tones, whereas, for gloves, they may be either black, grey, or a tone of beige to match the shade of the stockings. The favourite colour and material for shoes for the moment are black and glace kid, for preference with a wide strap fastening on the side with a smart buckle in paste, carved wood or poker-worked leather.

#### VELVET POPULAR.

Velvet, silky, soft and supple, is the material most in evidence in all the big collections just now. It is wholly in keeping with the spirit of present-day fashions, and the vogue for it is growing daily, so that one sees any quantity of dresses and coats, both for day and evening wear, made of this graceful, becoming fabric. In colours and in black, it is being featured by all the leading designers, for street wear, for formal evening gowns, for suits and for afternoon frocks. And, when a dress or costume is not made entirely of velvet, it is sure to be made of some other material, but trimmed with bands and motifs of velvet. Most important still, velvet is figuring tremendously just now as a millinery fabric, as a fabric for the fashioning of dainty shoes and slippers, and also for the fashioning of the equally dainty handbags which Madams carries now to match each turn-out. There are a host of qualities to choose from, starting with the humble, but ever so serviceable velveteen, and continuing through the gamut of chiffon, pile and napped varieties.

#### FIGURED PATTERNS.

As well as the plain velvets, there are some marvellous figured velvets to be seen, some in which several colours figure in the designs so that little, if any of the background remains visible. The designs vary, some taking their inspiration from old Persian motifs, from antique mosaics, from designs on Cloisonne vases, and from sources wildly Futurist and Cubist. Then, there are stripes, Roman colourings, conventional scroll patterns and lavish floral designs. Amongst the latest colour combinations, there are gold and Gobelins blue, blonde and royal blue bottle green, tan, maize and rose du Barry. Designs are conventionalised as a rule. For evening wear, velvet brocades, of those which have a chiffon or crepe Georgette background are chosen for preference.

#### INDIAN BLANKET COATS.

An amusing novelty has made its appearance into the sports world of late. These are sports coats made of Indian blankets in place of cretonne, kasha and jersey. Many of them are made of real blanket featuring the queer and gay colour combinations that distinguish the native work. Their popularity is assured for the coming season because of the bright and novel addition they make to the outdoor wardrobe. As in other fields of fashion, sports clothes must harmonise, so the milliners have made simple felt hats and trimmed them with embroidery and inlaid pieces of felt and ribbon to match the gay colouring of these coats.

(Continued on next column.)

### DEATH OF SEKOMA.

NEGRO KING WHO MET THE PRINCE OF WALES.

#### CONTEST BETWEEN WHITE MEN AND WITCH DOCTORS.

Europe or America may never have heard of the late Chief Sekoma. He was one of the last of the great negro chiefs in Africa, and when a group of witch doctors scammed through the medley of huts that constituted his capital, crying that Sekoma was dead, the whole of native Africa bowed its head at the news.

Throughout the night the drums thundered their message of death across the wastes of the Kalahari, and as far north as the jungle of the Congo the news was carried.

Chief Sekoma only a few months ago was shaking hands with the Prince of Wales.

Thousands of natives, dressed in gaudy yellow, blue, crimson and violet uniforms, others wearing Scottish kilts and white spats over their black bare feet, yelled a greeting to the Prince. Chief Sekoma glowed with pride, and for that night entertained the Prince of Wales with bonfires and feasting.

#### THE WITCH DOCTORS.

In the midst of this triumph, even while his people danced before him, the negro emperor was a dying man. He was a man with a haunted mind. No sooner had the Prince of Wales left his territory than Sekoma, in desperate search of health and refusing the treatment of the witch doctors, went off to Cape Town and entered a hospital for treatment.

"You are making a prisoner of me here," he cried out repeatedly during his stay at the coast. He returned to Swrow under the care of three hospital orderlies, and for a time had great faith in their ability to cure him. But he suffered a relapse, and, in a panic, ordered these three Europeans back to Cape Town.

A battle between reason and superstition followed (says the *Daily Express* correspondent) and it ended in the calling of the witch doctors again. In the darkness of his hut, meanwhile, Sekoma was given the queer mixtures made from dead animals and subjected to the lurid practices of the witch doctors. All was futile. Sekoma died.

#### RUSH TO THE DEATH CHAMBER.

The cry of the witch doctors that Sekoma had been killed by the white man's medicine was quickly followed by a rush for the death-chamber, where Dr. Desmond Drew (the Government medical officer) and the Rev. Haydon Lewis, of the London Missionary Society, were threatened by the angry mob of savages. Both men, fortunately, kept a level head, and the firm and courageous action of Captain H. B. Neale (the resident magistrate), who rushed to the scene of the trouble and commanded the frenzied crowd to disperse, saved a serious situation.

### INFECTIOUS COLDS.

#### THEIR CAUSE AND PREVENTION.

I believe that nearly all, if not all, infectious colds are excited not by exposure to cold, but by contagion," said Professor Pasquale Romeo, speaking on "The So-Called Common Colds" at the London College of Physiology, Tavistock-street, Gordon-square, last month. "The evidence in favour of contagion," he continued, "throws grave doubt upon the generally-accepted bacteriology of acute rhinitis, and raises the question whether the cause of a common infectious cold is not a specific micro-organism as yet undiscovered." The professor said that young children with acute rhinitis should be kept indoors, in a well-aired room at an even temperature of about 68deg. F. during the acute stage. If there was fever they should be kept in bed, and one or two teaspoonsful of castor oil should be given at the beginning of the attack. That was not necessary in the case of older children. It was well to reduce the quantity of food, especially for infants. "We must keep in mind," he remarked, "that there is no specific for a cold, and it must be dealt with in an appropriate manner according to its nature and under the supervision of a competent physician."

#### BEADED FROCKS.

The tendency towards fullness extends to the sleeves of daytime dress and is conspicuous in all the afternoon and evening silhouettes. The smarter frocks are made for the most part of chiffon and crepe Georgette. Fine tuckings and insets of lace dyed to match are among the favourite methods employed for trimming. Another idea which is carried out in a great deal of that of insets in lace-like designs made from strips of the material cut on the cross joined by strands of silk. Beaded frocks continue to be worn for dance wear and at informal dinner parties, particularly designs worked out in crystal beads and sequins. Most of the designs are less intricate than formerly, and in most of them there is more than a hint of the modern ideal in art that is proving such a big influence in the fashion world.

An important feature of the new models in the lingerie work that adds a finish to the collar and cuffs of many of the simple morning and afternoon frocks. This will be welcomed by women who love a crisp note that adds freshness and youth to a frock.

### S.S. "SI-KIANG."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 27th instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
K. RODENFUSSE, Agent.  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1926. [3100]

### S.S. "D'ARTAGNAN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 9.00 a.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 26th inst., at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 29th instant, or they will not be recognised.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
B. RODENFUSSE, Agent.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1926. [3091]

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Goods not cleared by the 30th January, 1926, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 29th January, 1926, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1926. [3109]

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1926. [3107]

Usually the best way out of a difficulty is through it.—Lord Hewart.

To default is not in the British Government's vocabulary.—Mr. Stanley Machin.

You cannot have economies without putting somebody out of work.—Mr. Bridgeman.

My point of view is entirely the reverse of the sceptical point of view.—Lord Balfour.

The Prime Minister is probably the most lovable man in public life to-day.—Mr. Rosilyn Mitchell.

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## EMPIRE WIRELESS CHAIN. POSITION AND PROSPECTS. BEAM SYSTEM ON ITS TRIAL.

[By Sir Robert Donald.]

Empire wireless makes progress but slowly, and in the case of Australia not altogether smoothly. The present position is that the Rugby super-station, the most powerful of its kind in the world and the only long-distance one equipped with valve transmitters, will be operating with fair regularity, but not with complete certainty, early in the New Year. It will be probably two or three months before its efficiency is proved, and it can broadcast messages throughout the world at the rate of 100 words per minute.

The function of this new station is mainly Imperial. It is not likely to be a commercial success. The commercial wireless traffic will be carried on by other existing stations and the new "beam" stations. Rugby station is capable of communicating with the fleet in any part of the world, and will broadcast news to every country. It will transmit traffic during the twenty-four hours, and messages can be picked up in the remotest part of the Dominions and Colonies where receiving stations exist and such stations do not cost more than £3,000. The station is unilateral; the Dominions will not yet be able to reciprocate.

Rugby will also handle messages for ships circulated by the Marconi Company, and the Radio Communications Company—a paid service. It is not contemplated by the Post Office, at present, to use Rugby for sending paid news messages, which will go to the beam stations. This fact raises a difficulty in connection with Australia, which is demanding the control of its corresponding station in this country destined exclusively for its service. There are several competing Press organisations which send a very full service of news to Australia. The Rugby station will broadcast general news freely and will destroy the value of the localised and special services.

### SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Experiments indicate that short-wave stations will be successful. In order to relieve the congestion of news transmission to Halifax for the American Press from the Oxford station, the small research establishment at Dolis Hill has been utilised at suitable hours, and is sending 80,000 words a month by short-wave transmission, using only 1½ kilowatts as compared with from 500 to 1,000, which will be required at Rugby.

The beam station, with two aerials, for South Africa and Canada is now being erected at Bodmin, and will be complete in about three months. The receiving stations are situated near Bridgwater. Another twin station at Grimsby for communicating with Australia and India is in a less advanced stage. The receiving stations are at Skegness. It was essential to have these new stations far apart and on the coast in order to minimise, if not get rid of, interference with broadcasting and with other wave lengths. The reciprocal stations in Canada and South Africa are nearing completion, and Australia and India will be ready to receive as soon as their stations in England are equipped for transmission. "It is improbable that the whole series of Empire stations will be beyond the testing stage before the end of next year. The Marconi Company guarantees messages to Canada during 18 hours, to India during 12 hours, to South Africa 11 hours, and to Australia 7 hours out of the 24. The average cost of the stations in England will be between £200,000 and £400,000. The Rugby super-station has cost more than £400,000. In association with it a short-wave station is being provided, so that it may be used as an alternative when conditions are favourable for the sake of economy.

### 70,000 WORDS A WEEK.

The wireless traffic carried on by the Post Office is expanding. There are three stations engaged in overseas traffic. The most powerful, the first of the original Empire chain, is at Leaford, near Oxford. It transmits and receives about 70,000 words per week. Its corresponding station is at Cairo, but its chief business is transmission of news to the American Press, via Halifax. It also distributes the Foreign Office Press service and sends messages to ships on behalf of the Marconi Company and the Radio Communications Company, a part of its business which will be transferred very shortly to Rugby. The Oxford station is now more than self-supporting.

The busiest and most profitable station is that at Northolt. It is a twin station. It has a valve transmitting plant, first introduced for experimental purposes, and also uses the original arc system. A commercial traffic is carried on with Italy, thus avoiding payment of a share in cable tolls to France and at the same time obtaining quicker communication. The other station dealt by Reuters to almost every country in Europe, being retained, among other places, at Prague, Moscow, Belgrade, Budapest, and Bucharest.

The old station at Stonehaven serves Northern European countries chiefly with Press messages. It has been opening up business with Hapsal in Esthonia, and

(Continued on next column).

## DEATH OF R.A. SCULPTOR. SIR HAMO THORNYCROFT'S NOTABLE WORK.

Sir Hamo Thornycroft, R.A., Vice-President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, died at Oxford last month, after a serious operation.

Born in 1850, Sir Hamo became a Gold Medalist at the Royal Academy in 1875, and an A.R.A. six years later.

"He was a man of the most charming personality and will be greatly missed by his many friends," said Mr. Reynolds-Stephens, the President of the Society, to the *Evening Standard*.

He was the first to be awarded the R.R.S. medal for distinguished services to sculpture.

Sir Hamo's chief works in London were the General Gordon statue in Trafalgar-square—the national monument—the figure of Cromwell outside the Houses of Parliament, "Teucer" in bronze, and "The Kiss" in marble at the Tate Gallery.

The list of statues to his credit also includes the Gordon memorial in Melbourne, a statue of John Bright in Rochdale, the statue of Queen Victoria in the Royal Exchange, the Mower in the Liverpool Gallery, the national memorial to Gladstone in the Strand, the King Edward and Queen Victoria memorials at Karachi, the Durban war memorial, the Armstrong memorial at Newcastle, and the Lord Curzon memorial at Calcutta.

Of all Sir Hamo's statuary, it is probable that the most generally admired is his Artemis which first brought him fame. In his early days he was absorbed by classic art, his devotion to which is evidenced in several noble works, besides Artemis and the Teucer.

The appearance of his Cromwell at Westminster was not unanimously welcomed, for political reasons.

"Where will they place it? Among the Sovereigns at Westminster?" someone asked. "Well, at least, among the half-crowns," was the answer of Russell Lowell.

### THIRD GENERATION OF SCULPTURE.

Sir Hamo long had Watts as a neighbour in Melbury-road, Kensington.

His mother, Mary Francis, herself a sculptor and a daughter of John Francis, another sculptor, was highly esteemed by Queen Victoria and modelled several of the Royal children. Sir Hamo's father, Thomas Thornycroft, was not only a clever sculptor, but might have done more in art had he not devoted himself to mechanical invention.

Sir John Thornycroft, the famous naval architect and engineer, is a brother.

sends a considerable traffic to Warsaw, which has one of the most efficient receiving stations on the Continent, and can pick up messages at the rate of sixty words per minute.

The conclusion to be drawn from recent progress in wireless is that traffic is increasing. Wireless is used more as an alternative to cables. The New Year will determine the future place which wireless will occupy in long-distance communication. It will demonstrate whether the beam system is efficient and reliable. If it passes both tests, then wireless will have won an unassailable position, as these merits with its cheapness will make its application almost universal throughout the Empire. If it is only moderately successful, then wireless, both long and short wave, has a serious competitor in the new loaded cables which enable rates to be cut by more than half, while multiplying capacity and speed.—*The Observer*.

## FIRST RABBIT IN AUSTRALIA. STORY OF A SAILOR'S FOUR VOYAGES.

SPORTSMEN'S QUEST.

LONDON, December 23rd.

The doubtful honour of introducing the first rabbit into Australia, commonly attributed to the late Mr. John R. Collinson, has been disputed by Mr. C. J. Thatcher, who contends that his father, Mr. Thatcher, was responsible for the deed. The rabbit has since cost Australia millions of pounds.

The elder Mr. Thatcher was a sailor who roamed the seas in the old days of the sailing ships. Among other duties he was travelling agent of the Acclimatisation Society, which sought to introduce into Australia animals not indigenous to the country.

About 1863 certain sporting residents of Victoria became wearied of existing diversions, and scoured the land for something fresh to kill. Some one remembered that the coursing of hares and rabbits had been a sport at home, and applied to the society for an importation of the animal.

The society, in its innocence, saw no harm in granting his request, and Mr. Thatcher set out with his emigrants in the sailing ship *Relief*.

Not one of his first batch of colonists lived to reach Australia. Three times he made the voyage with his cargo of rabbits, and three times he failed to reach Australia with a single one alive. On his fourth voyage he succeeded in reaching Melbourne with the rabbits alive.

By this time the Victorian sportsmen had found diversion elsewhere, and Mr. Thatcher finally turned his rabbits loose in the bush, to become the greatest pest that ever infested a continent.

Mr. Thatcher was presented with a bronze medal designed by Sir Edwin Landseer, the animal painter, by the grateful inhabitants of Victoria to commemorate the introduction of the rabbit into Australia.

On one surface is grouped all the animals which Mr. Thatcher was responsible for bringing into the country, including the stag, llama, ostrich, goat, swan, and pheasant, besides the devastating rabbit.

## 8-HOUR DAY FOR ALL. MINISTER'S EFFORTS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PACT.

A joint deputation from employers and workmen in the engineering and ship-building trades, which included Sir Allan Smith, president of the Shipbuilding and Engineering Employers' Federation, and Mr. J. T. Brownlie, secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, was received at the Ministry of Labour in London last month, to obtain the Minister's reply to representations as to the possibility of securing the observance of an eight-hour day in the industry in other countries.

The Minister of Labour made it clear to the employers and the unions that he was doing his best to place British industry on a fair basis in competing with foreign countries.

He stated that he had been in communication with Continental Governments on the question of the clause in the Treaty of Versailles, and had received replies from Germany and Belgium that those Governments were prepared to take part in a conference with a view to establishing a uniform 48-hour week, and what was more important, a uniform interpretation by all organisations of the 48-hour week agreement.

No definite replies had been received from France and Italy, but further steps were being taken.

It was expected that a conference would be held in January to review the position.

## THE RUBBER MARKET. THE BOOM ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

You can form no conception of what dealing in the rubber share market means unless you are actually engaged in it. Description is so liable to sound exaggerated and distorted. People who expect to receive reports of what has been done in respect of their orders within ten minutes, or half-an-hour, after they sent their limits—there are many such clients—fail to visualise in the least the circumstances under which their business is carried out. The rest of the Stock Exchange is placid, having plenty of air, space and opportunity.

In the little area called the rubber market there are tightly packed together some hundreds of men struggling, shouting, doing their utmost to get at some particular jobber who deals in some particular share; and, when near him, find themselves not once, but several times, swept past their objective by a wave of fellow-members who land their yards away from where they want to be. There are about a dozen big firms who run books in hundreds of different shares, and round the members of these firms there surge, all day long, a group of eager and impatient brokers and jobbers, each of them anxious to speak to the man who is running the book in the share that the client desires to trade in. Scenes of other men job in the lower-priced shares. Even they, however, cannot take on dealings in more than a proportion of the hundreds of companies' shares of the florin variety.

The strain on the voice is intensified by the unceasing, though invisible, cloud of dust which rises all day long. The heat becomes insufferable. Each man longs that he were six feet six, in order that his head at least might emerge into fresher air. Every now and then someone has to fade away from the market in order to get a breather, but so intense is the pressure that to escape is a difficult matter. The physical strain is telling on brokers and jobbers alike. And the brokers have the worst of it, for, after being buffeted, battered and bruised all day long the return to their offices at four o'clock in the afternoon means taking up the reins of office work, correspondence, contracts and so on until the wee short hours about the twilight. A man needs to be made of rubber if he wants to deal in the shares these days.—*Financial Times*.

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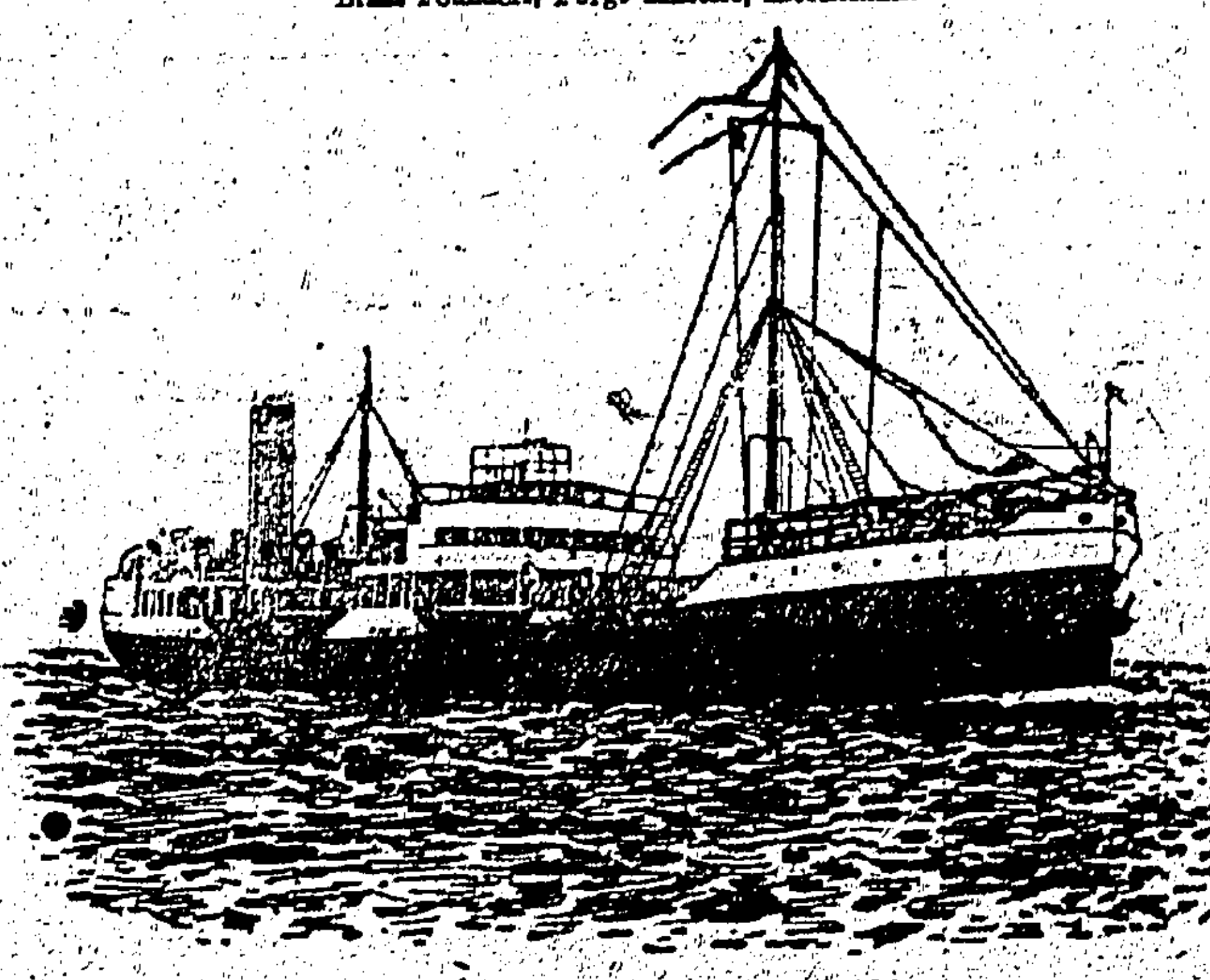
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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

January 25th.

Anking, British str., 2,047 tons, Capt. Plunkett Cole, from Singapore and Amoy, with general cargo and firewood, lying at buoy No. B13-B. & S.

Kanchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9-B. & S.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38-Man Yick S.S. Co.

Yacetic, British str., 3,221 tons, Capt. B. Jetton, from New York and Hoibow, with kerosene oil and general cargo, lying at Laichikok-Bank Line.

January 25th.

Chinhua, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. J. Beck, from Bangkok and Hoibow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C10-B. & S.

City of Bedford, British str., 4,107 tons, Capt. Gray, from Shanghai, lying at buoy No. A23-Bank Line.

Hang Sang, British str., 1,358 tons, Capt. H. H. McNair, from Hongkong, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C38-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

January 25th.

Belgeland, for Manila.

Deruonong, for Haiphong.

Inde, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Kohsu Maru, for Saigon.

Lee Sang, for Hoibow.

Mural, for Saigon.

Seattle Maru, for Singapore.

Szechuen, for Amoy.

Tibure, for Amoy.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kushgar*, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on January 23rd at 7 p.m.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Fulda*, from Europe, which left Singapore on the 23rd inst., is due here on the 26th, and will sail for Shanghai and Japan on the 29th.

## HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 68, of which 29 were British.

The arrivals during the preceding 24 hours numbered eight, seven being British and one Chinese. The departures came to eleven, including one vessel for Swatow and one for Kwang Chow Wan. There was one clearance for Hoibow in the same period.

## CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong ..... 7,575 tons.

For ports beyond ..... 4,257 "

Total ..... 11,832 "

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday).

For Hongkong ..... 6,089 tons.

For ports beyond ..... 4,129 "

Total ..... 10,218 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 7,375 tons were carried by British vessels. The heaviest entry was by the s.s. *Hang Sang* with 3,000 tons of coal from Hoibow, the s.s. *Chinhua* coming next with 1,344 tons from Bangkok and Hoibow. Local passengers entered totaled 53.

The arrivals for the period under review were:—The s.s. *Yu Sun* (British) from Tsingtau and Shanghai with 630 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Hang Sang* (British) from Hongkong with 3,000 tons of coal; the s.s. *Chinhua* (British) from Bangkok and Hoibow with 1,344 tons of rice and meal and 48 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Anking* (British) from Singapore with 191 tons of firewood and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Kanchow* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 600 tons of general cargo and mail and 9 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Yacetic* (British) from New York and Hoibow with 1,200 tons of tin plate, wax and general cargo and 3,400 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *City of Bedford* (British) from Shanghai with mail and 100 tons of cargo for ports beyond and the s.s. *Sun Kong* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 200 tons of general cargo and mail.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

The Red Star round-the-world tourist liner the s.s. *Belgeland* left Hongkong yesterday afternoon on the next stage of her cruise.

A harbour office notice states that the following information has been received from the Commander of H.B.M. A/L *Nyasa*: "A wreck showing at all stages of the tide, 7 cables S. 31° W. from Wangmoon Entrance Light."

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR JANUARY, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH).

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January 25th.....	7.04 a.m.	6.08 p.m.
" 26th.....	7.04 "	6.08 "
" 27th.....	7.04 "	6.09 "
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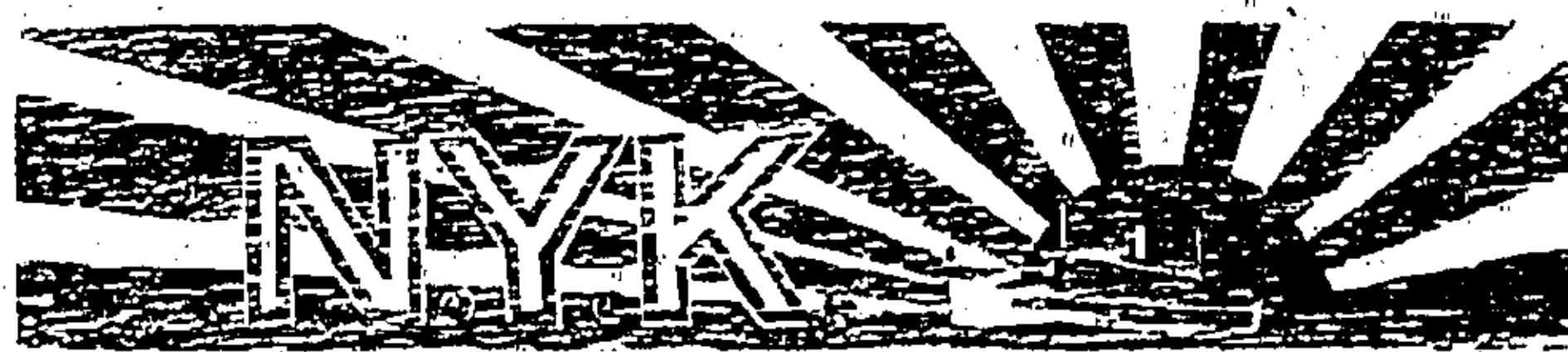
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Vessel	Discharges	Leaves Hongkong
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"GLENARBY"	...	18th Feb.
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"GLENAMOX"	...	8th Mar.
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M.S. "Tongking"	3rd February	15th March
M.S. "Danmark"	17th February	—
M.S. "Arabien"	20th February	—
M.S. "Asia"	18th March	—
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## THE OVERCROWDED ETHER.

## BROADCASTING PROBLEMS.

## TOO MANY CONTINENTAL STATIONS.

An expert writing in a London paper says:—

Broadcasting is in a state of flux at the present moment. So much so, in fact, that many critics are of the opinion that the technical policy of British broadcasting will have to be radically altered in the very near future.

These criticisms are more or less justified, but their justification can in no way reflect on the British Broadcasting Company, which has been responsible for the erection and maintenance of broadcasting stations in this country. The trouble is primarily due to the fact that the ether is becoming overcrowded. Broadcasting in general is now faced with what might be called the "ether traffic problem."

As every newspaper reader knows, broadcasting stations in this country are limited to a certain band of wave-lengths. The wave-length band allotted to British broadcasting stations is from 300 to 300 metres. Below that band British amateurs and other experimenters are allowed to transmit. Immediately above that band we have the 600-metre wave-length used for ships at sea, next in importance, the 900-metre wave-length used by the Air Ministry; and then, right up the scale to 20,000 metres and more, the various wave-lengths used by the Admiralty, Post Office, and other Government stations, and the wave-lengths used by the great commercial trans-Atlantic and trans-Continental stations.

Now the trouble is that on the Continent broadcasting stations are springing up like mushrooms in the night. The wave-length bands are being overcrowded so that two or three stations sometimes operate on wave-lengths separated from each other by only a few metres, with the direct result that very bad interference between the stations is prevalent.

Any reader owning a powerful set, who has tried to tune in a Continental broadcasting station with any degree of clarity and freedom from interference, will realise the overcrowded state of the ether.

## CONTINENTAL INTERFERENCES.

To combat this growing evil, the International Radiophone Bureau was started some time ago with headquarters at Geneva, and only recently an important broadcasting wave-length conference was held in that city, at which the heads of all the important broadcasting concerns were present. Radical alterations were made in the wave-lengths of many stations, including British stations, and a praiseworthy attempt was made to shift the wave-lengths of some British and Continental stations, so that interruption between stations was, if not eliminated, at least greatly modified. At first it seemed as though the work of the International Radiophone Bureau was going to assist in a solution of the problem, but after some weeks' observation of the work of the bureau, the impartial critic of broadcasting is forced to the conclusion that nothing but a radical alteration in the whole system of British broadcasting, and, possibly, in Continental broadcasting, will improve conditions.

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, January 25th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Day
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.32	30.39	30.44
Temperature	52	55	54
Humidity	62	74	64
Wind Direction	ESE	E	ESE
Force	2	2	2
Weather	C	E	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 24th ... 63

Lowest open-air Temperature on 25th ... 55

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Jan. 26th to 31st, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High WATER.		Low WATER.	
		H'kong Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong Standard Time.	Height.
Tues.	26	h. m. 9 31	4.2	m. 2 36	1.4
Wed.	27	h. m. 10 6	4.1	m. 3 12	1.1
Thurs.	28	h. m. 10 42	4.1	m. 3 46	0.9
Fri.	29	h. m. 11 14	4.2	m. 4 19	0.8
Satur.	30	h. m. 11 43	4.3	m. 4 52	0.8
Sun.	31	h. m. 12 10	4.2	m. 5 26	0.9
		h. m. 10 55	7.0	m. 4 17	3.2

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"DELTA"	8,097	4th Feb. Noon.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, and B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,611	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALE"	9,885	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARMALE"	9,885	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	2nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Mars. L'don, A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KHIWA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,611	25th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	21st June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALE"	9,135	10th July	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,505	24th July	Marseilles and London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	23rd Feb.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	10th Mar.	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th May	
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd June.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th July.	

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

**SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN**

"TALAMBA"	8,018	2nd Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	17th Feb.	Kobe.
"KHIWA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	6th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	20th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,611	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALE"	9,885	11th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	20th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"RANPURA"	16,505	9th July	Shanghai only.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
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AMOY & SINGAPORE	"KINGTIAN"	On 26th Jan.	D.L.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, WEIHAIWEI	"CHUSAN"	On 27th Jan.	11 a.m.
CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	"YINGHAI"	On 28th Jan.	Noon.
HAIPHONG	"KANCHOW"	On 28th Jan.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 29th Jan.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 30th Jan.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 31st Jan.	D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 3rd Feb.	11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	"LUCHOW"	On 3rd Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 4th Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 5th Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 7th Feb.	4 p.m.

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D'ARTAGNAN ... A	1st Jan., 1926	2nd Feb., "	16th Feb., "
ANGKOR ... B	15th Jan., "	17th Feb., "	2nd Mar., "
PORTHOUS ... A	29th Jan., "	2nd Mar., "	16th Mar., "
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AMBOISE ... B			

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## INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Soochow	26th Jan.
SHANGHAI	Soochow	27th Jan.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Changho	27th Jan.
JAPAN	Atsuta Maru	29th Jan.
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Letters only)	Fulda	29th Jan.
London, 31st Dec., 1925	Pres. Jackson	31st Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	1st Feb.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Siberia Maru	1st Feb.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Tanaka	5th Feb.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Loosan	Tuesday, 26th, 8.30 A.M.
Fort Bayard	Sunkong	Reg. Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Mar. routes—due Marseilles, 24th Feb.	Dardanus	Letters 1.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hot Wing	2.00 P.M.
Manila	City of Bedford	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters & postcards specially addressed "via Siberia" only)	Tjikembang	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Uman	Wednesday, 27th, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow & Amoy	Van Gleen	10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Yusang	10.00 A.M.
Japan	Philosetes	10.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Fook Sang	Parcels Noon
Manila	West Gayola	Letters 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Soochow	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Yokohama Maru	Thursday, 28th, 9.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Ningkas	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 10th Feb.	Pres. Madison	Reg. 2.45 P.M.
Sandakan	Mauwong	Friday, 29th, 12.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Chinkas	2.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Mar. routes—due Marseilles, 24th Feb.	Atsuta Maru	Saturday, 30th, 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai	Soochow	Reg. 9.30 A.M.
		Letters 2.30 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Monday, 1st, 3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Sinkiang	5.00 P.M.

\* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## COMMERCIAL.

## OPENING QUOTATIONS.

January 25th, 1926.	
On London	2 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	2 1/4
Bank Bills, on demand	2 1/4
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2 1/4
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2 1/4
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2 1/4
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	2 1/4
On Paris	1.55
Bank Bills, on demand	1.55
Credit, at 4 months' sight	1.55
On New York	57 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	57 1/2
Credit, at 30 days' sight	57 1/2
On Bombay	156 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	156 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	156 1/2
On Calcutta	156 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	156 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	156 1/2
On Shanghai	nom.
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	183 1/2
On Yokohama	113 1/2
On Manila	101
On Singapore	141 1/2
On Batavia	nom.
On Haiphong	nom.
On Saigon	nom.
On Bangkok	nom.
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	83.24
Gold LRA, 100 fine, per tael	30 1/2
BAR SILVER, per ca.	30 1/2

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital	\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	\$50,000,000
Reserve Funds:	
Sterling	\$4,500,000
Silver	\$25,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$20,000,000

## Court of Directors:

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application. Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [25]

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application. INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at CURRENT RATES. For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [3]

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000
Reserve Fund	£2,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGES and General Banking Business transacted. CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

## BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:

86, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital	Fr. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	Fr. 58,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	Fr. 58,987,223.54

BRANCHES:	
Bangkok	Pondicherry
Batavia	Seigon
Canton	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea
Fort Bayard	Papeete
Haiphong	Tientsin
Hankow	Tourane
	Yunnanfou

BANKERS: In FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale. In LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais. In NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. A. LECOT, Manager. Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [33]

## THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 2.

Authorized Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,300,000

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:	
Bangkok	Kuala Lumpur
Batavia	Rangoon
Bombay	Madras
Calcutta	New York
Colon	Simla
Delhi	Penang
	Singapore
	Sourabaya
	Yokohama

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application. J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [32]

## BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital	Fr. 20,000,000
Reserves	Fr. 11,180,000
Special Working Capital	Fr. 50,000,000

RANCHES:	
Paris	Lyons
Seigon	Haiphong
Peking	Shanghai
Canton	Hankow

BANKERS: France: Societe Generale; Banque Nationale de Credit; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas. London: Midland Bank, Ltd. New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

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## LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"LAOMEDON" 4th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow. "ANTILLOCHUS" 20th Feb. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow. "TELEUS" 5th Mar. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow. "TELEMACHUS" 20th Mar. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

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"OANEA" 7th Feb. Boston, New York & Baltimore. "ET. COMPANION" 7th Mar. Boston, New York & Baltimore.

## PASSENGER SERVICE.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	800,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL	19,760,000.00
RESERVE FUND	9,864,398.69

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Loans granted on Approved Securities. Special facilities for domestic exchange. TSUYER PEI, Manager.

HONGKONG, January 16th, 1926. [33]

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Established 1824.

Hongkong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital

Gulden 150,000,000

(£12,500,000)

PAID-UP CAPITAL

60,000,000

(£6,000,000)

Reserve Fund

20,526,881

(£2,111,405)

Special Reserves

22,680,000

(£2,188,330)

Head Office:—AMSTERDAM.

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